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Thatcher warns Labour leader over MI5 secrets case

Kinnock could be left out of spy briefings

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

The Prime Minister yesterday accused Mr Neil Kinnock of abandoning the bipartisan approach to security because of his conduct during the Australian spy book hearing and threatened to exclude him from the confidential security briefings traditionally granted to party leaders.

Mrs Thatcher's warning was delivered in the Commons as the Government prepared to give notice in Sydney early today that it will appeal against the order of the judge in the New South Wales Supreme Court that it should hand over secret documents to the defence counsel.

Although Mr Justice Powell ruled yesterday that the highly secret documents could be edited before being shown to Mr Peter Wright's defence lawyers, ministers were preparing to challenge his ruling in the Australian Court of Appeal and made clear that they were determined to fight the case to the end, if necessary, to the Australian High Court, the final court of appeal.

Although refusing again to comment in the Commons on the Australian case, Mrs Thatcher, roared on by her backbenchers, turned the attack on the opposition leader, who is in America on a tour to sell the Labour Party's non-nuclear defence policy.

Mr Kinnock admitted last Friday before leaving that he had spoken to the defence lawyer in the Wright case, Mr Malcolm Turnbull, and that there had been seven other contacts between his office and Mr Turnbull.

Mrs Thatcher described Mr Kinnock's action yesterday as "astonishing". She told a Conservative backbencher: "The leader of the Opposition has abandoned the fundamental defence policy pursued by his predecessors and he has now abandoned the fundamental security policy."

But it was her reply to Mr Cranley Onslow, chairman of the Conservative backbench 1922 committee, that caused the greatest stir.

Mr Onslow told her that Mr Kinnock had allowed himself to be set up to ask in the Commons the questions which were to be asked in the Australian court the following day.

He went on: "Is she aware that she would have the full support of this side of the House if she refused to have any more truck on matters of national security with somebody who has reduced himself to the status of Mr Turnbull's mouthpiece?" The Prime Minister replied: "Yes. I agree wholeheartedly."

It was said later on Mrs Thatcher's behalf that she had followed the bipartisan approach to security in opposition and in government, and that she intended and hoped to be able to follow it in future. But, Whitehall sources said, she regarded it as a matter for Mr Kinnock as to whether he wanted to follow it in future. The clear implication was that unless Mr Kinnock returned to the bipartisan approach, he would be left out of future briefings, given on privy councillor terms to the party leaders.

It is understood that Mr Kinnock has had no private briefings on the Wright case.

Amid continuing Conservative calls for Mr Kinnock to return home to face the Commons, Mr Roy Hattersley, Labour's deputy leader, pressed Mrs Thatcher on why she had attempted to suppress the Wright book while allowing and indeed encouraging publication of the Chapman Pincher spy book, *Their Trade Is Treachery*, in 1981. It was her decision not to act against Mr Pincher which had produced "the present humiliation and resulted in the Attorney-General's authority being usurped by the Prime Minister to manipulate the law for party political reasons."

He accused the Prime Minister of treating the law as if it were her own property. "Hence her willingness to allow Mr Wright to sell his secrets to Chapman Pincher

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Mr Peter Wright, the former MI5 agent whose book the British Government is seeking to ban, arriving at the Supreme Court in Sydney for yesterday's hearing.

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Master of disaster...

...that's what he calls himself — and he's just beaten Cram, Thompson and Lineker to become Britain's Sportsman of the Year. A look at the life of Lloyd Honeyghan, world welterweight champion

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£2 billion bid

Unilever, the Anglo-Dutch household goods conglomerate, has made a $3.1 billion (£2.1 billion) agreed bid for Chesebrough-Pond's group to strengthen its American operations Page 21

BOC lift-off

BOC, the industrial gases and healthcare group, reported pretax profits of £64.1 million and forecast growth of 20 per cent Page 21

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Waugh-path

England lead Australia — for whom Waugh took five wickets for 59 yesterday — by 390 runs with one day left in the second Test match at Perth Page 44

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Guinness inquiry net widening

By Lawrence Lever

The echoes of the government investigation into Guinness resounded further yesterday when it emerged that two top City institutions have been included in the inquiry.

The investigation centres upon the movement in the Guinness share price during its four-and-a-half month takeover battle for Distillers.

The Department of Trade and Industry inspectors are looking in particular at the way in which the Guinness share price rose sharply towards the end of the battle. The focus of the inquiry provides further evidence that the investigation was triggered by information passed to the DTI about the activities of Mr Ivan Boesky, the disgraced American arbitrageur.

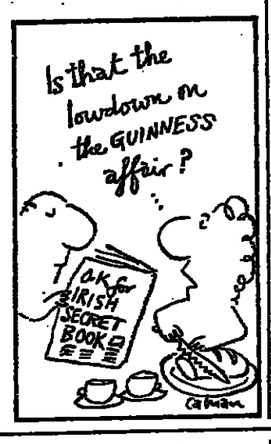
In addition to Guinness and Morgan Grenfell, its merchant bank adviser, the stockbrokers to Guinness at the time of the bid, Cazenove and Wood Mackenzie have also received visits.

The nature of the DTI inquiry was revealed by Mr George Law, compliance officer at Morgan Grenfell yesterday. "The representatives are interested in any documents or papers which relate to dealings in the price of Guinness's shares at the time of the bid for Distillers," he said.

The Guinness share price rose about 25 per cent in the closing stages of the bid which therefore increased its value. Guinness ultimately secured control of Distillers, with a £2.7 billion bid, defeating a rival bid from Argyll.

The contest between Guinness and Argyll for control of Distillers was one of the most bitter ever fought. It was characterized by allegations of "dirty tricks" and the use of bugging devices.

A Guinness spokesman said last night: "We are still very much in the dark — the DTI won't tell us anything".



Summons served on Collier

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

A summons was served yesterday on Mr Geoffrey Collier, the Department of Trade and Industry accounced. Mr Collier was forced to resign as a director of Morgan Grenfell last month, because of alleged offences connected with share dealings.

Mr Collier has for more than two weeks been the subject of the first full-scale investigation ever launched by the DTI into insider dealing.

The summons relates to Mr Collier's dealings in shares of AE, the engineering company, and appears to stem from an interim report submitted by the two DTI inspectors.

● Four employees of Phillips & Drew, the stockbroker, have been sacked for a breach of staff dealing rules. It is understood that they booked a traded options bargain to their own account when it should have been recorded as a trade by P&D.

The company emphasized that there was no question of insider trading involved with the sackings. The profit on the deal amounted to about £5,000.

Reagan names CIA man for security post

From Michael Binyon, Washington

President Reagan yesterday named Mr Frank Carlucci, a former deputy director of the Central Intelligence Agency and Ambassador to Portugal, as his new National Security Adviser. He also agreed to the appointment of an independent investigator to look at the Iran arms scandal.

In a brief address on national television, Mr Reagan said the independent investigator, together with the Justice Department investigation, would give America a dual system for assuring a thorough review of all aspects of the affair.

"If illegal acts had been undertaken, those who did so will be brought to justice. If actions in implementing my policy were taken without my authorization, knowledge or concurrence, this will be exposed and appropriate corrective steps will be implemented."

Mr Reagan said he fully recognized the interest of Congress in the affair, and that it would want to hold its own inquiry. His Administration, he said, would co-operate fully with that inquiry.

The President said he had already taken the unprecedented step of allowing two former national security advisers to testify, but he was urging Congress to consider consolidating its inquiries to a single special committee — as proposed by Senator Robert Dole and backed by most Republicans as a way of stopping the proliferation of hearings.

If the new inquiry was given a chance to work, he said, all the facts over Iran and the transfer of funds to the Contras would shortly be made public. Looking strained, and with his voice almost breaking, he declared: "Then the American people, you, will be the final arbiters of this controversy. You will have all the facts and will be able to judge for yourselves."

The successor to Admiral John Poindexter is a man known for his toughness, experience and efficiency. As Ambassador to Portugal in 1974, Mr Carlucci was credited with helping prevent a communist takeover at a time when Dr Henry Kissinger, the then Secretary of State, had admitted defeat and was opposing further aid to the Socialist Government.

The 56-year-old Korean war veteran was stabbed in the Congo in 1960 when he rescued a carload of Americans from a mob. He worked in President Nixon's White House, and in 1978 President Carter made him deputy director of the CIA.

Mr Carlucci: Experienced, tough and efficient.

Leyland Trucks in talks with Dutch

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

DAF Truck of The Netherlands is in talks aimed at closer collaboration, possibly even a merger, with Leyland Trucks, the Rover Group's loss-making commercial vehicles manufacturer.

A bid for the trucks operation is also being considered by Paccar, the north American heavy trucks manufacturer which in 1980 bought up Foden, the British commercial vehicles maker based at Sandbach, Cheshire.

The talks with DAF are the most advanced after an agreement in September with the Dutch manufacturer on selling Leyland trucks and vans in Europe.

The new moves on the Rover Group's troubled subsidiary, on which earlier merger talks with General Motors' Bedford subsidiary broke down, were disclosed yesterday in the House of Commons by Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry.

Mr Channon added that he expected the Rover Group in its forthcoming corporate plan for 1987 to set out "a positive course" for Austin Rover as a significant car producer and exporter.

There was immediate anger at the prospect of rationalization and job losses at Leyland trucks after Mr Channon said that restructuring at the division could be expected whatever the outcome of the talks.

He added, however, during exchanges in the Commons, that the outcome "may well be merger or takeover."

Mr Channon said: "Our objective is to achieve a secure future for the production of Leyland trucks, but it must be recognized that any option for the company — whether re-

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Book case leaks upset Whitehall

By Philip Webster

Concern is being voiced at the highest levels in the British Government about apparent leaks from the confidential hearings in the Wright case in Australia.

At the same time there is anxiety that a person closely involved in the production of Mr Wright's book about his work for MI5 has been allowed to sit in on the hearing as a member of the team of the defence lawyer Mr Malcolm Turnbull.

It is not being suggested that the person is responsible for the alleged leaks, which in any case have not been regarded as serious.

Lawyers representing the British Government protested about the man's presence in the defence team in the private hearings, but they were turned down by the judge, Mr Justice Powell.

Sir Robert Armstrong, the Cabinet Secretary, a leading witness in the Sydney case, is believed to have made his concern about the man known to the Cabinet Office in London.

Bid fails to ban story in Ireland

By Robin Young

The Government yesterday lost its court attempt to ban the publication in the Irish Republic of a book written by a former MI5 employee. The case turned on similar questions to those raised in the efforts in Australia to ban the publication of a far more controversial book written by the former secret service agent, Mr Peter Wright.

Miss Justice Mella Carroll ruled in the Dublin High Court that Brandon Press of Dingle, Co Kerry, had a constitutional right to publish and distribute *One Girl's War*, a memoir written by Miss Joan Miller who died in in Malta in 1984.

Sir Michael Havers, the Attorney General, had been granted a temporary injunction stopping publication of the book last week, and was seeking to have it confirmed. In a sworn affidavit, his legal secretary, Mr Michael Lawrence Sanders, said that publication would cause irreparable damage to the British secret service.

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MI5 attack on Wright

The head of MI5, Sir Antony Duff, delivered a stinging rebuke against Mr Peter Wright, the former MI5 officer, earlier this year (Our Whitehall Correspondent writes).

Sir Antony criticized Mr Wright's plan to publish a book about Soviet penetration of the security service and allegations about past MI5 operations at a gathering of about 50 MI5 pensioners invited by Sir Antony to a reunion in London.

According to sources yesterday, a number of those present were upset by the attack on Mr Wright, who was well known to most of them. A similar criticism of Mr Wright and a warning against any former MI5 officers writing memoirs will be made this week at another reunion.

Ridley forced to think again on shire rates

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, is set to bow to the demands of Conservative MPs for a rethink of his proposals for allocating the rate support grant which would force large increases in the shire counties.

Mr Ridley, who faces the threat of a big backbench revolt, is to announce today a further round of consultations, which will mean that this year's final rate support grant settlement will be delayed until the new year.

Mr Ridley and Mr Rhodes Boyson, Minister for Local Government, have been receiving numerous deputations from MPs and local authority leaders in the southern shires complaining that they would be hit unfairly by Mr Ridley's plans.

Their complaint is that Mr Ridley's plans would lead to disproportionately higher rises in the shires, where the Tories are strongest, in an election year.

Several parliamentary private secretaries have warned Whips privately that they will resign if the proposals go through unchanged, and ministers from the counties worst affected have also made their protests.

In the further consulative period ministers will go on seeing MPs and rework the proposals in an attempt to meet their demands. It appears unlikely, however, that there will be more money from the Treasury and ministers accept that in attempting to mollify some supporters they risk alienating others.

'Grants to students inadequate'

The Government admitted for the first time yesterday that student grants were no longer adequate to meet basic expenditure needs.

The admission was made in written evidence by the Department of Education to the education select committee, which is inquiring into the level of student support.

This is the first time that there has been an official admission that the student grant is inadequate.

However, the admission was not made with the knowledge or approval of ministers

That the grant is now inadequate is a charge that has been repeatedly made both by university vice-chancellors and the National Union of Students

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British Gas share sale closes today

By Richard Lander

The £5.6 billion British Gas privatization closes today with at least three million investors applying for a slice of the largest share sale on the London Stock Exchange.

The number of applicants could swell above the 5 million mark as a final tide of forms floods in by post and hand before the 10 am deadline. The organizers of the issuewill then start calculating the number of shares applied for and weeding out illegal multiple applicants.

Dealings in the shares will start on Monday afternoon, with an expected premium of at least 10p over the initial 50p offer price. Page 21

Thatcher's warning on 'jet set' Aids

By Nicholas Wood, Political Reporter

Loose-living among international bureaucrats and jet-setting businessmen threatens to accelerate the spread of the disease Aids, the Prime Minister will warn at this weekend's EEC summit in London.

She will urge her fellow heads of government to follow Britain's lead in mounting a concerted Community-wide campaign to warn the population of Western Europe of the threat posed by the killer virus.

And, given the established link between sexual promiscuity and the transmission of the disease, she wants them to concentrate their efforts on getting the message across to high risk groups such as people working away from home in international agencies and company executives on expenses-paid foreign trips.

Mrs Thatcher and other ministers believe that Aids cannot be fought in one country alone given the nature and frequency of international travel.

They point to the fact that the first cases of the disease in the UK can be traced to contacts between the the local populace and homosexuals from the USA.

Circumstantial support for their anxieties about the health risks inherent in the racy lifestyle often enjoyed by expatriats and frequent travellers to Europe comes from data released last month by the Department and Health and Social Security.

Switzerland and Belgium, the two EEC countries that play host to most of Europe's international agencies — for instance the World Health Organization and the European Commission — also have the highest per capita incidence of the disease on the Continent.

The Swiss rate is 2.12 per 100,000 people, compared with 1.73 in Belgium and 0.69 in the UK. The figure for the US is 10.5 per 100,000.

The first signs of the high moral tone that the Prime Minister is prepared to take to combat the disease emerged yesterday in the Commons.

She told MPs: "I think much behaviour which has been going on will become totally unacceptable for many and varied reasons."

The most important element in combating this "terrible" threat was to ensure that the public knew how it was spread among men and women.

● JOHANNESBURG: An unprecedented campaign to enlist the help of South Africa's estimated 50,000 *sangomas*, or witch doctors, in controlling the spread of Aids is to be launched on Friday, it was disclosed here yesterday (Michael Hornsby writes).

About 200 leading *sangomas* from all over the country are to be briefed on aids and how it is transmitted at the South African Institute for Medical Research.

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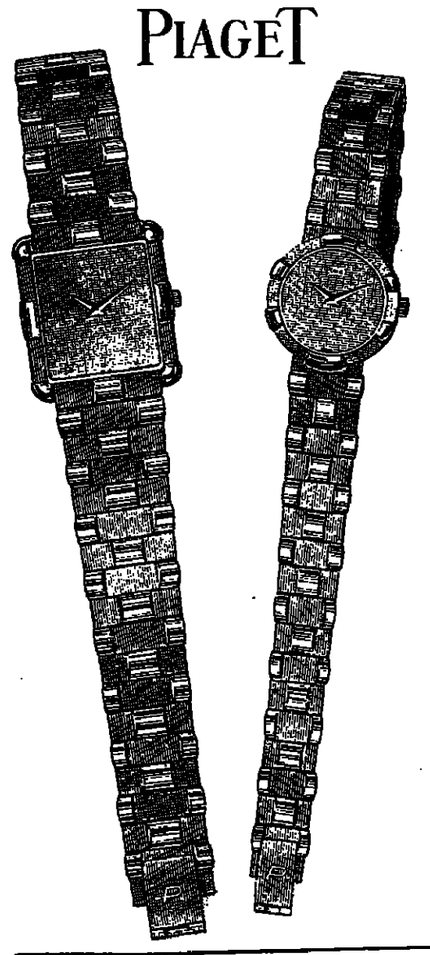

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Madmen who take to water

By Sue Mott

These Australian albatrosses grow to a terrible size, and the one that plagued John Biddiecombe's attempt to race around the world in a yacht was the monster of them all. After months of mishaps, maydays, hospitalisation and prangs, the Adelaide yachtsman has finally admitted defeat and withdrawn from the BOC Round the World race. His catalogue of disasters would leave any mariner feeling ancient.

It began on the qualifying leg, this epic of calamity, when barely out of Sydney harbour Biddlecombe, a former stuntman, smashed his wooden yacht, A.C. Crusader, into a Tongan reef and felt in turn to matchwood beneath his quivering deck planks.

Helpful Tongan villagers rescued anything salvageable, like radios, electrical gear and pyjamas, but inadvertently took them home never to be seen again. By the time running out of the angry race start Biddlecombe, aged 42, had to start from scratch, scraping the insurance pay-out and fleeing to France to refit Crusader II, Aluminium. But as ugly this time. Wood and steel turned out to be rather brittle.

Meanwhile other madcap adventurers were preparing in Newport, Rhode Island, for the start of the second in a four-race which only four of its 29 competitors had taken 27,000 miles. Seven finished handedly at the Cape Town. Six check that their were still

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NEWS SUMMARY

The BMA backs drink-drive ban

The British Medical Association yesterday backed the Government's call to motorists not to drive if they drink during the Christmas and New Year festivities.

Speaking as he signed the United Kingdom Charter for European Road Safety Year, Sir Christopher Booth, president of the BMA, said that a zero level of alcohol in the blood-stream was the correct amount for driving.

● The Royal Ulster Constabulary is to install breath-alysers in all police vehicles and not simply its traffic division cars.

Threat to the QE2

The liner QE2 will not be allowed to sail again and will become a "rust bucket" unless she continues to carry a British crew, Mr Sam McCluskie, general secretary of the National Union of Seamen, told a meeting of 400 crew members in Southampton yesterday.

Cunard, the owner of the QE2, is currently balloting the ship's hotel and catering crew on whether they will accept severance payments so that new contracts can be introduced when the ship returns to Southampton in April from her refit in West Germany. Last night the company said that 60 per cent of those balloted had returned their voting papers. The union alleges that Cunard wants to replace the present crew with cheap foreign labour.

Print anger

Dismissed printworkers yesterday criticized the manner in which they were made redundant from the Communist *Morning Star* newspaper.

Thirty-nine printers have lost their jobs because the paper faces a severe cash crisis. The paper's production director, Mr Bill Bex, reportedly asked the doorman to distribute their notices.

The men, members of Sogat and the NGA, are also unhappy at their redundancy terms.

Moscow bank plea

The Banking Insurance and Finance Union is due to claim unfair dismissal against the Moscow Narodny Bank, on behalf of a former employee of the bank, at the central industrial tribunal in London today.

The union claims that Mr Tony Palmer, a clerk, had worked satisfactorily at the bank for more than 10 years but was dismissed for his persistent union activities.

The bank strongly denies the charge.

Anger at milk ruling

MPs opposed to Britain's membership of the EEC protested yesterday at a ruling by the European Court of Justice that the Milk Marketing Board had infringed Community rules on milk pricing.

The Board's offence was to operate a two tier pricing scheme for milk sold for processing into butter and skimmed milk powder, enabling manufacturers to obtain it more cheaply if the end product were destined for the home market, thus undermining the community's complex intervention price support system.

RAC ban driver

A blanket ban on disabled drivers by the Royal Automobile Club has cost one of Britain's best known stage rally drivers his competition licence.

Mr Ken Ridley, aged 30, a Gateshead sub-postmaster who is a thalidomide victim, was this week named Ford Rally Man of the Month, but he will have to prove his fitness to an RAC medical committee to win back his licence.

Mr Neil Eason-Gibson, technical executive of the RAC, said Mr Ridley was "a borderline case."

Judge 'sexist'

Mrs Wendy Birch, aged 37, a teacher, called a judge "sexist" yesterday after he advised her to switch on the charm to avoid police reporting her for driving offences.

Judge Anthony Goodall, aged 70, a former Guardsman, made his remarks at Exeter Crown Court, where Mrs Birch, of Starcroft, Devon, won an appeal against convictions for speeding, driving with no insurance and failing to produce her driving licence.

Hurd to block free TV for pensioners

By Sheila Gunn
Political Staff

The Government is expected to try to block an attempt to give pensioners free television licences.

Mr David Winnick, Labour MP for Walsall North, announced yesterday that he will bring in a Bill to remove the licence fee for pensioners, and households where the main breadwinner is of pensionable age.

He came top of the ballot for private members' Bills, so the proposals stand a good chance of making progress in the Commons. But determined opposition from the Government will prevent the Bill reaching the statute book.

The Home Office will not support the measure while a major review of the funding of television is underway following the Peacock Report.

There are also fears that it would create a new set of anomalies, although the present system of concessionary licences has not been considered a success.

Mr Winnick's measure would mean 4.8 million households would receive free licences from 1988, including 2.9 million pensioners living on their own.

The Labour Party's pledge goes a step further, giving all households which include a pensioner a free licence.

Mr Winnick calculates his Bill would cost £220 million a year. But the Home Office believes the figure will be more than £225 million, equivalent to adding between 30 and 50 per cent on to the present £58 colour licence.

He is backed by Mr Jack Jones, the pensioners' campaigner, who said: "This should not be viewed as some sort of handout. Television is a window on the world for many old people. For many it is a companion and a friend".

But Mr John Wheeler, Conservative MP for Westminster North and secretary of the Conservative backbench home affairs committee, described the Bill as "political humbug" and "dishonest". "There is no such thing as a free television licence. Who is going to pay the difference?"

Managing the scheme would be a bureaucratic nightmare, giving enormous scope for dishonesty. If the Bill went through, there would soon be campaigns for free licences for low-income and single parent families, he said.

Mr Ivan Lawrence, Conservative MP for Burton and also a committee member, said that Labour believed pensioners were best helped by giving blanket payments, whatever their resources, and the Conservatives gave it to those most in need.

Fowler gives pledge to stop attacks on staff

By Jill Sherman

A committee to tackle growing violence against health, social services and social security staff was set up by the Government yesterday.

The committee, to be chaired by Lady Trumpington, Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Health, will report on measures in health and local authorities for dealing with the attacks, which have claimed the lives of three social workers and one medical secretary in the past 18 months.

Speaking at a Department of Health and Social Security conference on violence against staff, Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services, said the committee, with representatives from professional organizations and trade unions, would co-ordinate information across all three services, examine what had been done and what could be done.

"The information will form the basis of a new policy drive to tackle violence against social services staff." Mr Fowler indicated that the Government would be issuing new guidelines to cover all groups of caring staff.

He confirmed that the DHSS would consider the availability of physical measures, including erecting screens, issuing of personal alarms and two-way radios but stressed that it was important to weigh the balance between the use of security devices and the need to keep open human access to clients.

"We don't want to interfere with the work of the personal social services. We cannot provide a great range of services from behind locked doors. We cannot just retreat. But nor can we have a situation where more social workers get injured or killed."

Members of the public should also assume some responsibility, he said. "Those who help the public are entitled to help from the public. The community has a duty to protect those people who serve it."

A survey from the Health and Safety Executive, due to be published next year, found that out of 5,000 health workers questioned, one in 200 had suffered a major injury needing medical treatment following a violent attack during the last 12 months. One in 10 had needed first aid, and five out of every 100 health workers had been threatened with weapons, including knives, broken bottles, chairs and coffee tables.

But the questionnaire, sent to hospitals in five district health authorities, showed that one third of serious incidents were not officially recorded.

Mr David Jones, general secretary of the British Association of Social Workers, stressed the need for greater training and management-led initiatives to proved counselling and support to those workers at risk

Speakers also called for more attention to be paid to social security offices and accident and emergency departments where attacks were often initiated by clients frustrated by waiting.

Dr Ross Mitchell, consultant psychiatrist at the Young People's Psychiatric Service, Cambridge, said: "We need more positive steps to make these more homely: better lighting, more pictures and plants, reduced waiting times, access to eating facilities and telephones and toilets that are clean and work".

Woman Police Sergeant Carol Miller consoles WPCs Alison Thrush (centre) and Judy Kerslake at the funeral yesterday of WPC Deborah Leat, aged 20, killed in a car crash last week while pursuing a driver who refused to stop, in the Speedwell area of Bristol.

Industrial action hits the Maze jail

Disturbances broke out at Ulster's Maze prison yesterday as prison officers began what they describe as "major" industrial action over the suspension of a colleague for allegedly sleeping on duty.

During the afternoon the Northern Ireland Office denied a news agency report that there had been a riot in the prison.

A spokesman confirmed, however, that some inmates who were locked in their cells for most or all of the day, had broken a number of windows in two wings of one of the prison's H blocks.

The disturbances were in one wing occupied wholly by "loyalists" and in one mixed wing, he said. The situation at the Maze is likely to affect the expected return today from Amsterdam of two men who escaped in 1983, Brendan McFarlane and Gerard Kelly.

The authorities had been intending to return the two fugitives straight to the Maze once their extradition had been achieved but are unlikely to risk putting the two men back there while abnormal tension, and minimal security, prevail. McFarlane and Kelly will be flown aboard an RAF aircraft from Maastricht direct to Belfast Aldergrove airport and taken to the Crumlin Road prison in Belfast.

Many warders walked out or failed to report for duty following the suspension of one prison officer.

The RUC was put on standby and police will remain at the prison

Steel spikes put in path of news lorry

By Michael McCarthy

Two sets of solid steel spikes, each four feet long, were placed at the weekend in the path of a 32-ton articulated lorry coming from the News International plant at Wapping, east London.

At the time, it was crossing a 40 ft high viaduct with another road beneath it and a block of flats to one side, Scotland Yard revealed yesterday.

The driver managed to avoid the spikes but had his vehicle hit them, said Commander George Ness, the consequences of the incident, on the Silvertown flyover in north Woolwich on Friday night, could have been "catastrophic".

Commander Ness displayed the spikes at the second police press conference in a fortnight specially called to draw attention to the spiralling level of viciousness in attacks on vehicles connected with the Wapping dispute.

He said: "I am absolutely amazed that anyone should be so callous and reckless as to put these things in the path of such a vehicle in such a place. Soon someone is going to be killed".

The Silvertown incident, during which the driver's windscreen was smashed when he slowed down to avoid the spikes and ball bearings fired at his cab from a catapult, was only one of 10 major attacks on News International vehicles over the weekend listed by Commander Ness, operation head of the Yard's No 2 area, which covers east London.

Eight articulated lorries belonging to the haulage firm TNT, used to transport News International newspapers, were attacked over Saturday night and Sunday morning in location ranging from Bethnal Green to Rainham in Essex.

Then in the early hours of Monday a half brick was dropped on a News International van as it passed under Blackfriars Bridge in London, narrowly missing the driver.

Those attacks were in addition to the mass assault by 20 to 25 men on News International delivery vehicles at Ilford, east London, early on Monday morning, reported yesterday.

Commander Ness disclosed that there have now been more than 1,000 attacks on vehicles connected with News International since the start of the Wapping dispute, which began when 5,100 print workers were dismissed after going on strike.

The spikes displayed yesterday consisted of lengths of square steel tubing into which specially turned razor-sharp steel spikes, two inches long, had been fitted.

Commander George Ness showing the steel spike sets. (Photograph: James Gray).

Ex-prison chief jailed for charity cash thefts

A former assistant prison governor was jailed for three months yesterday after he pleaded guilty to six charges of theft from charities he helped before he resigned from his job last year.

Chichester Crown Court was told that Arnold Johnson, aged 39, former assistant governor of Ford Open Prison near Arundel, West Sussex, was a gambling addict.

He pocketed £50 belonging to Reach Out, a charity for mentally and physically handicapped children supported by prisoners at Ford.

He also kept £170 from the Littlehampton Victims Support Scheme which he had set up and been its first chairman. Mr David Tomlinson, for the prosecution, said Johnson had stolen money from the sale of tickets for a charity show at Bognor Regis.

He also took £40 which should have been used to insure a prize car on offer at a "fun day" charity event.

Mr Anthony Higgins, for Johnson, said he was faced with debts and had let gambling become a problem.

He was now an unemployed laborour but had repaid all the stolen money. Since resigning last year after 17 years in the prison service, he had joined Gamblers Annonymous.

Mr Higgins said the prison term would be more difficult because of his previous job.

Johnson, of Elm Dale, Barnham, West Sussex, denied a further four similar charges and they were left on the file.

Hurd urged to reopen pub bomb blast case

Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, yesterday came under intense all-party pressure to reopen the case of the six men jailed for life for the 1974 bombing of a Birmingham public house in which 21 people were killed (Our Political Reporter writes).

A group of MPs said that there is now the "most serious possible doubt" about the validity of the convictions obtained in 1975.

Mr David Alton, the Liberal chief whip and MP for Mossley Hill, said the Home Secretary should make a statement about the case.

Sir John Farr, Conservative MP for Harborough, said he would be urging Mr Hurd to reopen the case.

Mr Peter Archer, Labour's frontbench spokesman on Northern Ireland, said: "There now seems to be a serious danger that the people convicted were not the people who planted the bomb."

Guilty verdicts in the trial were handed down almost entirely on the basis of the men's confessions and forensic evidence.

At a press conference yesterday, the MPs said there was persuasive new evidence to support the men's contention that their confessions were "beaten out of them".

They also said that the latest information substantiated tests carried out by Granada Television's *World in Action* programme discrediting prosecution evidence purporting to show traces of explosives on the men's hands.

Falklands deaths

Ministry of Defence denies cover up

By Peter Davenport, Defence Correspondent

Ministry of Defence officials denied yesterday that there had been any attempt to cover-up an incident, during the Falklands campaign, in which four soldiers were killed when men from their own unit mistook them for the enemy and opened fire.

The next of kin of the men were informed about the "tragic accident" as soon as possible after the conflict was over, and details had been printed in a history of the campaign.

A Ministry of Defence official said yesterday: "Such incidents have always happened in the chaos and confusion of war and probably always will.

"However, the next of kin were informed as soon as possible after the conflict was over and the re-emergence of the incident now can only cause unnecessary hurt."

In military circles such events are known as "blue on blue" incidents.

In the Falklands campaign, in which a total of 255 Task Force personnel lost their lives, four such incidents, in which 10 servicemen were killed, were acknowledged.

The shoot-out between two units of 45 Commando, Royal Marines, which is being highlighted, is a classic example of a "blue on blue", a term derived from military terminology in which all friendly forces are blue and all enemy forces red.

A Ministry of Defence spokesman said yesterday that the incident occurred on the night of June 9-10, 1982, in pitch darkness and driving rain on Mount Kent.

A fighting patrol of 45 Commando, having just "yomped" across the Falklands, mistook a mortar section of their colleagues for a detachment of Argentine troops.

In the brief but fierce exchange of fire that followed, four men were killed. They were the mortar platoon sergeant, Robert Leeming, aged 32, Corporals Andrew Uren, aged 23 and Peter Flitton, aged 25, and Marine Keith Philips, aged 19. Three others were wounded.

The next of kin of the men were informed of the details by the officer commanding the unit, Lt Col Andrew Whitehead, soon after the end of the conflict.

● In one of the other incidents, two members of the Army Air Corps and two men of the Royal Signals Regiment died when their Gazelle helicopter was hit by a Sea Dart missile, now believed to have been fired by HMS Cardiff, in the mistaken belief it was attacking an enemy helicopter.

Initially a metallurgical examination had ruled out a hit by a Sea Dart but after further investigations at the Royal Aircraft Establishment at Farnborough it was concluded that the Gazelle could have been brought down by a missile fired by the destroyer.

Since the end of the campaign, the procedures governing the difficult problem of the management of low-level air space in a battle, which may have led to the error, have been tightened up.

After pressure from the mother of one of the Army Air Corps men killed in the incident, a Board of Inquiry was set up to examine the details. It ended in November and a report is now with the Ministry of Defence.

Relatives of those killed were informed, this year, of the latest findings in advance of expected newspaper publicity about the helicopter having been hit by a British missile.

● In another incident a soldier with the 2nd Battalion, the Parachute Regiment was killed by British artillery fire while attacking Argentine positions on the night of June 13-14. His relatives were not told of the details until late in 1983 because of a wish by his battalion to spare them further distress.

However when it became known that the incident was to be included in General John Frost's book *2 Para: Falklands*, a decision was taken to inform them.

● The final "blue on blue" led to the death of a soldier serving with the SAS.

It is understood he was engaged on covert activities as part of the battle for the islands, but the Ministry of Defence will only say that he died as a result of an "unfortunate incident."

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Industrial action hits the Maze jail

Disturbances broke out at Ulster's Maze prison yesterday as prison officers began what they describe as "major" industrial action over the suspension of a colleague for allegedly sleeping on duty.

During the afternoon the Northern Ireland office denied a news agency report that there had been a riot in the prison.

A spokesman confirmed, however, that some inmates who were locked in their cells for most or all of the day had broken a number of windows in two wings of one of the prison's H blocks.

The disturbances were in one wing occupied wholly by "loyalists" and in the mixed wing, he said. The situation at the Maze is likely to affect the expected return [illegible] from Amsterdam of [illegible] men who escaped in 1[illegible] Brendan McFarlane and Gerard Kelly.

The authorities had been intending to return the two fugitives straight to the Maze once their extradition had been achieved [illegible] to risk putting [illegible] men back there [illegible] tension, and [illegible] prevail. McFarlane [illegible] Kelly will be flown [illegible] aircraft from [illegible] to Belfast. Allegedly [illegible] and taken to [illegible] Road prison in [illegible].

Many warders [illegible] or failed to [illegible] following the [illegible] one prison officer.

The RUC [illegible] standby and [illegible] remain at the [illegible]

Aids virus carriers in Britain 'could total up to 100,000'

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

Up to 100,000 people in Britain may be carrying the Aids virus and a "substantial proportion" will develop the disease within the next few years, a specialist predicted yesterday.

By 1991 the number of new cases each month could reach 340, the equivalent of "a Jumbo jet load of passengers falling from the skies", Dr John Gallwey, a consultant physician at the Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford, said.

Dr Gallwey, an adviser on Aids to the Oxford Regional Health Authority, also said that it was time researchers "came clean" about the percentage of carriers likely to develop the disease.

He challenged the Government-held estimate of about 30,000 carriers in Britain and its view that 30 per cent would develop illness. The estimates discussed privately by some United States specialists were that more than 90 per cent of carriers would develop Aids or related conditions.

Speaking at a Medical Journalists Association meeting in London, Dr Gallwey said that he regretted making such grim forecasts. "But we have to retain credibility in the eyes of our patients and if we tell them a low figure and they read a higher estimate elsewhere they will question our honesty".

The Department of Health said yesterday that 599 Aids cases have been recorded, including 296 deaths. There were 34 new cases and 18 deaths in November.

Dr Gallwey predicted that there would not be a vaccine against Aids available for about 20 years, by which time many millions of people world-wide would be infected.

At another meeting in London, the Royal College of Nursing said that some Aids patients were refusing to enter some hospitals because of the way they or others had been treated.

Some individuals were "quite unnecessarily" put into isolation by hospitals which had over-reacted and had unfair attitudes towards the original population of patients at risk — male homosexuals and drug addicts.

The college has asked the authorities to change their attitudes and gave a warning that it may name the hospitals if they do not.

The college issued new nursing guidelines on Aids emphasizing that there can be no "opt-out clause" for caring for Aids patients.

Nurses must tend victims of the disease, face disciplinary action or resign, Mr Richard Wells, its nursing adviser on oncology, said.

However, there had been an "overwhelming response" by nurses willing to care for Aids patients, and nurses could lead the way in changing people's attitudes towards the disease, Mr Trever Clay, general secretary, said.

The guidelines say that "refusal to care may well result in disciplinary procedures being taken against the nurse for unprofessional conduct."

Some nurses had been unwilling to handle Aids cases early on because they lacked adequate information about the real risks of infection, Mr Clay said.

Aids had shown itself to be the least infectious of illnesses in terms of being transmitted from patient to health care worker. Only three cases in the world were known, including one in Britain. None had developed the disease.

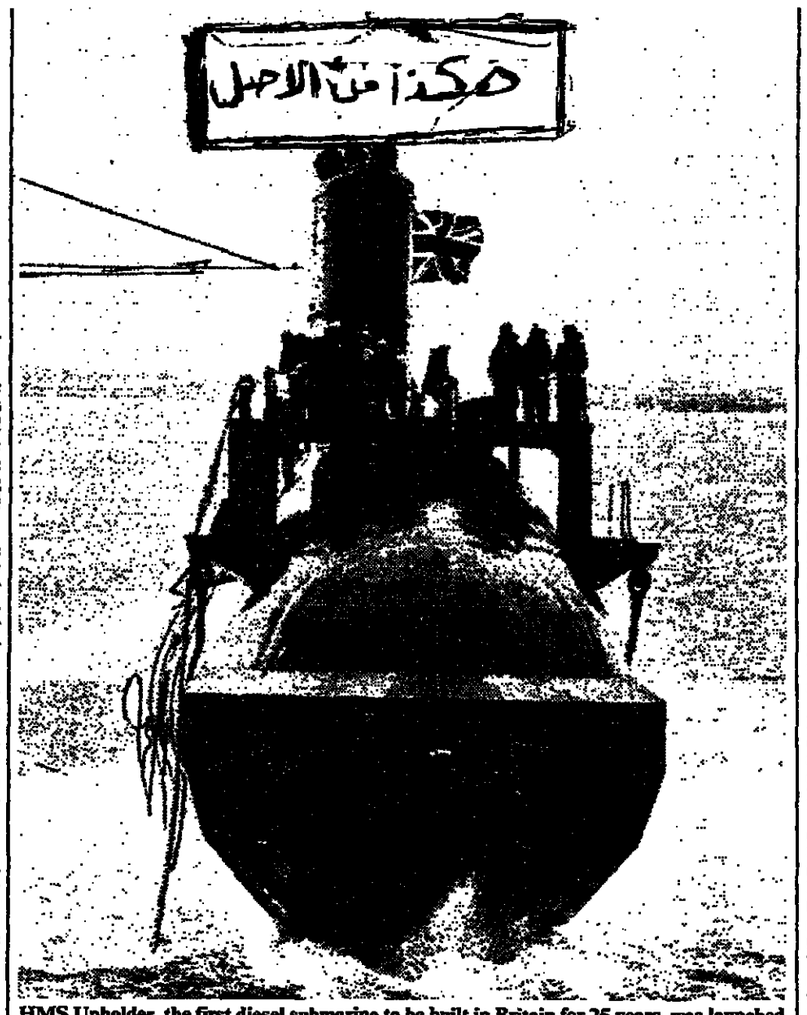
Aids patients could be nursed in open wards but they were more at risk from other patients because of their lowered immunity than the other patients were from them, Mr Wells said.

The great majority of hospitals and nursing staffs were providing "exceedingly good care" to Aids patients, Mr Clay said. "As with all serious new diseases there has been fear and panic. What we are trying to do now is turn down the heat and turn up the light."

● Gay and lesbian swimming sessions at the Victoria Leisure Centre, Nottingham, are to continue in spite of 10 schools banning lessons there because of fears over contracting the Aids virus.

The Labour-controlled city council has pledged to continue the gay sessions despite a deluge of complaints from parents and Conservative councillors.

The sessions were at the request of the gay community, which has complained of harassment during normal sessions, but pool attendants have voted not to supervise them. Mrs Frances Dennett, chairman of the leisure services committee, told councillors that medical experts said it was impossible to catch the Aids virus through water.



HMS Upholder, the first diesel submarine to be built in Britain for 25 years, was launched by the Duchess of Kent at Vickers' yard in Barrow yesterday. (Photograph: Harry Kerr).

Mortgage demand drops but not prices

By Christopher Warman
Property Correspondent

Mortgage approvals fell by nearly 20 per cent last month because of higher interest rates and a seasonal drop in demand, the Halifax Building Society said yesterday.

The figure was 40 per cent down on the peak home-buying boom in July, but the effect has not filtered through into prices.

The Halifax house price index shows that prices increased by 13.6 per cent in the year to the end of November, the same as last month, and house price inflation has been virtually unchanged since June. Prices are rising by over four times the rate of inflation and twice as fast as average earnings.

Inflation fell in Greater London from 25 per cent in the year to October to 24 per cent last month, but in south-east England increased from 20 per cent to 22 per cent. In Yorkshire and Humberside, prices increased by 6.7 per cent, slightly less than in the previous months.

● The Association of British Insurers said that the cost of rebuilding a house increased by 4.2 per cent between September 1985 and September 1986 and gave a warning that the market value of a house was not an accurate guide to rebuilding costs.

Portfolio Gold — Success discovered by chance

A retired Indian Army officer, from Fife, in Scotland, was one of three winners of yesterday's £4,000 Portfolio Gold prize.

Mr Neil Collier, aged 64, of Elie, was clearing his desk when he found his card and decided to check the numbers.

"It was quite by chance that I realized I was a winner, because I am usually too busy to look at it," he said.

Mr Thomas Ames, aged 60, and Miss Shân Abram, aged 24, estate agents in Old Brompton Road, south-west London, shared the remaining £2,000.

Miss Abram said: "We were really excited and jumping around the office when we realized we had won."

Mr Ames and Miss Abram will buy Christmas gifts

Callas on Channel 4 for Christmas

Channel 4 yesterday announced its Christmas programmes, which will include a broadcast on December 27 of the second act of Puccini's *Tosca*, with Maria Callas in the title role and Tito Gobbi as the police chief.

The programme was recorded at the Royal Opera House in 1964 and was directed by Franco Zeffirelli.

Other highlights of the Channel 4 schedule include an interview with Dame Peggy Ashcroft on Christmas Eve and Vladimir Horowitz in conversation and performance on Christmas Day.

Wayne Sleep leads the cast of *Dash*, in a programme recorded at the Palace Theatre in London, on Christmas Eve.

Rock fans are offered the guitarist, Eric Clapton, in concert on Christmas Day and a 90-minute selection of the year's best pop videos on December 30.

Comedy includes Max Headroom, joined by Bob Geldof and Tina Turner on Boxing Day, *Just Wisdom*, a documentary about Norman Wisdom on December 27.

Sir David Willcocks conducts his own arrangements of 23 carols from St Emundsbury Cathedral on Christmas Eve, with Aled Jones, the Welsh boy treble, and the Royal College of Music Chamber Choir.

Cathedral Praise on December 23 from Gloucester Cathedral will be a mixture of traditional carols and Afro-Caribbean music.

PC made hostage offer, jury told

A young policeman offered himself as hostage in exchange for the release of a little girl held prisoner by a knifeman, a jury was told yesterday.

But Errol Walker, aged 29, who is accused of murdering the girl's mother, refused. Instead he started to repeatedly hack the child's hands with a 10-inch knife as PC Rafi Landi looked on helplessly.

"The veins of his forehead were clearly visible. His eyes were red and wide open. He was sweating and extremely agitated," PC Landi told the Central Criminal Court.

He was describing a siege last Christmas in which Mr Walker allegedly first murdered the girl's mother, Jackie Charles, in front of her, and then subjected Carlene, aged four, to a 29-hour ordeal.

He slashed her on several occasions, dangled her from a third-floor balcony by just her vest and constantly threatened to kill her, the prosecution said.

Mr Walker, of Tachbrook Road, Southall, west London, denies murder, attempted murder, wounding, false imprisonment and threatening to kill.

The prosecution alleges that Mr Walker took Carlene and her mother hostage at their council flat in Poynters Court, Northolt, west London, while searching for his wife, Marlene.

Walker was demanding that police should bring his wife to see him at the flat. PC Landi said he was outside the window after Jackie was stabbed to death when he saw the toddler screaming and struggling in Mr Walker's arms.

"He put her on the floor and sat on her back with his legs either side. He held her right hand out flat on the carpet and looked at me and said he was going to cut her up.

"I appealed to him not to hurt the child but then I saw him deliberately slice his knife across the back of her hand. I saw blood coming from her hand and Carlene screamed.

"I told Walker to let the child go and offered myself as hostage. He refused and threatened to kill her. He then started to hack at her hand with the knife.

"I offered him some bandages for the girl's injuries but he refused, saying he was going to bleed her to death."

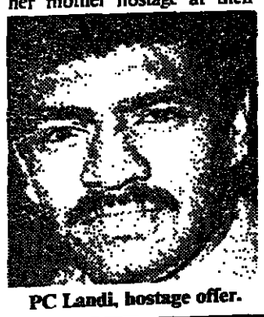
PC Landi said that he saw Mr Walker tie Carlene to a chair with flex and hit her with a radio.

"He then said he was going to cut Carlene's hand off," PC Landi said.

Next he said that Mr Walker put a plastic bag over Carlene's head and said: "Look, she's suffocating."

The jury was shown a video of the end of the siege before PC Landi's evidence. It showed officers storming into the flat, and the jury heard three shots ring out. Mr Walker, the prosecution alleges, was shot in the back of the head as he was on the point of stabbing Carlene in the neck.

The case continues today.



PC Landi, hostage offer.

Probation for armed bank visit

An engineer who walked into a bank armed with a pistol and two petrol bombs and demanded £68,000 was put on probation for two years at the Central Criminal Court yesterday.

Judge Capstick, QC, told Emil Molnar, aged 54, of Scorts Hill Cottage, Ware, Hertfordshire: "I am prepared to take an exceptional and unique course in putting you on probation."

The court was told that Molnar, a "brilliant and innovative" engineer, had a personal grudge against Lloyds Bank, which gave him a loan of £40,000 10 years ago to set up a factory.

Half way to its completion the bank converted the loan into a mortgage and recalled the money. Molnar was forced to sell everything to repay it.

He made an appointment to see the manager of the bank's branch in Oxford Street, London, and, in his office, took out home-made petrol bombs, an imitation grenade, and a gun.

The court was told he expected to be shot down by armed police and when he was arrested a note was found on him asking for his organs to go to medical science.

Molnar admitted demanding money with menaces. Mr Howard Shaw, for the defence, said: "It welled up inside him and he finally snapped".

Breeder loses appeal over goshawk sales

A bird breeder who bought and sold four wild goshawks, worth £2,000, lost his appeal yesterday against fines and costs totalling £1,125 imposed for breaches of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981.

Eric Kirkland, of Manor Road, Haughton Green, Denton, Greater Manchester, was fined by local magistrates, a decision which the Divisional Court upheld.

Lord Justice Brown ruled that it did not matter that the dealer did not know the law.

The four birds cannot be returned to the wild and will be given to licensed owners.

'Cult link' ruled out on deaths

A coroner yesterday ruled out any "cult link" between the deaths of two young colleagues who travelled to Bristol to die.

In October Arshad Sharif, aged 26, a computer engineer, died after tying one end of a rope around a tree, and a nylon noose around his neck before driving off. Mr Donald Hawkins, the Bristol coroner said yesterday: "I am quite convinced that Mr Sharif intended to kill himself".

Two months earlier Vimal Dajibhai, aged 24, from Kenton, north London, a fellow worker at a local Marconi plant, plunged 250 feet to his death from the Clifton suspension bridge in Bristol.

A card from a Hindu cult was found in Mr Dajibhai's pocket and an open verdict was recorded.

The inquest in Bristol on Mr Sharif, from Walthamstow, north-east London, was adjourned two weeks ago for investigations into any possible link between the deaths.

17 facing corruption charges

Seven Civil Servants and 10 private building contractors accused of corruption over contracts worth more than £50 million for work at royal palaces and other government buildings, were yesterday sent for trial at the Central Criminal Court.

They include the former Greater London Council architectural department officer and six officials of the Government's Property Services Agency.

The 17 men face a total of 96 charges, mainly of giving or accepting bribes of cash, free home improvements and all-expenses-paid holidays to Miami, Las Vegas and Austria.

● Mr Anthony Deduca, aged 46, of Romanhurst Gardens, Bromley, Kent, owner of a building group, won a "substantial" undisclosed sum and a public apology in the High Court yesterday over allegations in the *News of the World* that his companies had been black-listed by the Property Services Agency after a bribery scandal.

$8m high-tech fraud charge

Angelo Lamberti, aged 24, a clerk, of Woodhouse Road, North Finchley, north London, and John Filinski, aged 22, a roofer, of Goldsmith Road, New Southgate, north London, both accused of an attempted $8 million hi-technology fraud, were yesterday committed to the Central Criminal Court for trial.

The alleged fraud involved the transfer of securities valued at $8,522,750 from Bache Securities' account with Morgan Guaranty, Brussels, to the account of Cedel SA, Luxembourg.

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Leyland talks under way

Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Trade and Insutry, outlined in a statement to the Commons, the progress being made by Leyland Trucks in negotiations on options for the future of the division. He emphasized that he expected Mr Graham Day, chairman of the Rover Group, to come forward with plans for Austin Rover to ensure that it remained a major manufacturer and exporter of cars made in Britain.

The Government was accused from the Opposition benches of contemplating "flogging off" what was left of the industrial base to foreigners.

Mr Channon said: On July 24 I informed the House that agreement in principle had been reached on the sale of Leyland Bus and of a majority holding in Unipart and I can report in both cases that detailed negotiations are proceedings satisfactorily.

In reply to questions on November 5 I also announced the disposal of majority interests in Jaguar-Rover-Australia and in Istel. The situation on Land-Rover remains as I stated last April, that Land-Rover will be retained in the Rover Group for a possible flotation or trade sale at a later date.

The chairman of Rover Group has also been reviewing the options for Leyland trucks. This review has been taking place against the backdrop of continuing depressed demand, particularly in overseas markets, and severe over-capacity in Europe.

Our objective is to achieve a secure future for the production of Leyland trucks. But it must be recognized that any option for the company — whether related to collaboration, merger, sale or indeed continuation under present ownership — will involve restructuring.

Talks are progressing with two companies.

The first is DAF. In October a limited but important collaboration on the marketing of Roadrunner trucks and Sherpa vans was announced. DAF and Rover Group are now in talks about the benefits that could arise from much more fundamental collaboration in the truck and van businesses.

The second is Paccar, the parent company of Foden, who are considering the basis on which they might wish to make a bid for Leyland trucks.

Both sets of talks are at an early stage and, for the reasons I have already outlined, Mr Day has my full support in pursuing them. I thought it right to inform the House at this early stage and I shall of course keep the House in touch with developments.

I am sure MPs will understand and accept that it would be prejudicial to the interests of those employed in these operations and in their suppliers for me to make any further detailed comment on the discussion at this stage.

Mr Day's review of the plans for all RG operating companies including Austin Rover will form the basis of the 1987 corporate plan now under preparation. After I have received it and given it careful consideration, I will announce the Government's response.

In respect of Austin Rover, I should however like to take this opportunity to emphasize that I expect Mr Day's plan to set out a positive course for the continuation of the company as a major, producer and leading exporter of cars made in Britain. I stress that the Government's aim is to secure the best possible future for Austin Rover, its suppliers and the motor industry generally in this country.

Mr John Smith, Opposition spokesman on Trade and Industry, said that Mr Channon had announced two sets of talks. Were they alternatives?

The first proposition with DAF appeared on the basis of the statement to be an extension of existing collaboration, which appeared to be proceeding satisfactorily. It was desirable if it was a true collaboration between equal and independent companies.

The second proposition was a takeover attempt by another foreign-owned company for Leyland Trucks. Given that General Motors appeared to be persisting in their decision to end truck making in the UK, the only truck maker left in Britain would cease to be British owned.

Why was Mr Channon encouraging these talks which would lead to extensive nationalization, to job loses and to loss of British ownership and control of a crucial part of the engineering economy?

Would he take the opportunity of having full consultations with the relevant trade unions to whom this statement would be news. Would it not make sense for him to seek, at this stage, to give the fullest possible information and to allow the fullest possible consultation with the trade unions?

On Austin Rover, while noting the Government's apparent conversion to maintaining the company as a major car producer, would Mr Channon appeal to the Prime Minister to stop knocking the group as she did in her recent interview with *The Financial Times*? When would the Government see Austin Rover as a great opportunity for Britain and not as a problem ?

Mr Channon said that he entirely repudiated that point about the Prime Minister. *The Financial Times* had issued a correction. As £2.2 billion had been put into Austin Rover, it ill became Mr Smith to criticize the Government for not supporting the company.

There would be consulation in the normal way, through the normal machinery, with the trade unions.

On Paccar, as opposed to DAF, it was far to soon at this stage to say how these talks would progress.

Hattersley fails to move Thatcher on spy case

PRIME MINISTER

Mr Roy Hattersley, Deputy Leader of the Opposition, had no better luck than Mr Neil Kinnock had had the previous week in persuading the Prime Minister to respond to his criticisms and questions about the Wright case and the Government's failure to stop publication of *Their Trade is Treachery* by Mr Chapman Pincher in 1981.

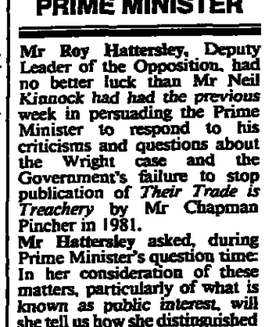
Mr Hattersley asked, during Prime Minister's question time: In her consideration of these matters, particularly of what is known as public interest, will she tell us how she distinguished between a book written by Mr Peter Wright and one based on information supplied by him?

Why did she choose to prosecute — or attempt to suppress a publication — in the one case and allow, indeed encourage, publication in the other?

Roars of Opposition laughter interrupted **Mrs Thatcher** as she began to reply: I cannot comment — on matters which may arise from proceedings about the Peter Wright case in Australia while proceedings continue and I intend to follow the precedent of previous ministers in not commenting on security matters (renewed Labour laughter and protests).

Mr Hattersley: I am asking her to answer for past errors. Is it not her decision not to act against Chapman Pincher in 1981 which has produced the present humiliation and resulted in the Attorney General's authority being usurped by the Prime Minister to manipulate the law for party political reasons

Mrs Thatcher: He is attempting to be irresponsible. I shall not



Mr Greville Janner: Question on secrets Act.

comment, however much he asks (Labour protests).

Mr Hattersley: Nobody is taken in by her prevarication. The country knows that the Prime Minister has begun to treat the law as if it were her own property (Conservative protests). Hence her willingness to allow Mr Wright to sell his secrets to Chapman Pincher, but not to allow him to publish them under his own name.

Mrs Thatcher: It would be inappropriate for me to comment on matters which may arise in proceedings concerning the Peter Wright case in Australia, while proceedings continue. I also intend to follow the precedent set by previous prime ministers not to comment on security matters, a precedent which Mr Hattersley himself adhered to when he was in junior office.

Earlier, **Mr Michael Brown** (Brigg and Cleethorpes, C) had asked the Prime Minister: Will she consider setting up an official inquiry to consider what precedents there are, if any, for a leader of her Majesty's Opposition to intervene in a court case involving her Majesty's Government, by means of contacting privately counsel acting against HM Government? (Labour laughter and protests)

Mrs Thatcher: Mr Brown makes his point effectively. If there are any such precedents for this astonishing action, perhaps the Deputy Leader of the Opposition will let us know.

Mr Donald Stewart (Western Isles, SNP): In looking at the present difficulties of the British Government and of the American Government, many people are contrasting her Government's shoddy, hole-in-the-corner, sweep-it-under-the-carpet tactics as against the fact that in America, everything is going to come out in the wash (laughter and protests). When are the people of the United Kingdom going to be trusted with open government?

Mrs Thatcher: As a housewife I think he became mixed up about his subject.

Mr Richard Hickmet (Glanford and Scunthorpe, C): May I assure the Prime Minister that the questions from this side of the House have not been planted . . . (prolonged laughter) . . . by Mr Turnbull.

What damage does she think the abandonment of the bipartisan approach to security matters has done to British security interests and what effect does she think this will have in the future, as far as security interests are concerned?

Mrs Thatcher: The abandonment of the bipartisan approach to security matters is totally and utterly fundamental to the security of this country. The Leader of the Opposition has abandoned the fundamental defence policy pursued by his predecessors and he has now abandoned the fundamental security policy.

Mr Greville Janner (Leicester West, Lab): In view of the anxiety which the Prime Minister must have suffered during the past few weeks over the contradictory application and non-application of Section 2 of the Official Secrets Act, and in view of her refusal to comment on this to this House, is she considering amending the Act?

Mrs Thatcher: We tried to amend the Act in 1980 and brought before the House a Bill for that purpose. It was, at that time, rejected. We have no present proposals to amend it.

Mr Antony Marlow (Northampton North, C): Is it possible to arrange a special flight for the Leader of the Opposition so he can come to the House tomorrow to answer the very real allegation that he has been conniving with defence lawyers in Australia in the case against the Crown?

Mrs Thatcher: It is not for me to answer for the Leader of the Opposition and I am jolly glad I do not have to.

Mr Cranley Onslow (Woking, C): Given the way the Leader of the Opposition let himself be set up to ask in this House the questions which were to be asked in the Australian court the following day, is she aware that she would have the full support of this side of the House if she refused to have any more truck on matters of national security with somebody who has reduced himself to the status of Mr Turnbull's mouthpiece?

Mrs Thatcher: Yes, I agree wholeheartedley.

● **Mr Dale Campbell-Savours** (Workington, Lab) said on a point of order later that at 12.05pm today the news bulletins had announced that the Government had "taken a sound thrashing" in the Irish courts over its application for an injunction to prevent publication of the book *One Woman's War* by Joan Miller.

Had the news come before noon he would have been able to give notice of his intention to seek an emergency debate in order to get a statement from the Government as to why, having failed in Ireland, it should carry on with the proceedings in Australia.

Did the Speaker accept that he had the right to apply for an emergency debate tomorrow?

The Speaker (Mr Bernard Weatherill) replied amid laughter: He knows the rules better than I do.

Mr Roy Hattersley runs into a brick wall.

Teachers' pay talks 'a great opportunity'

EDUCATION

The negotiations on teachers' pay provided a great opportunity to improve the quality of the teaching profession which should not be missed, **Mr Kenneth Baker**, Secretary of State for Education and Science, said during Commons question time.

Answering a question about the latest state of the negotiations, he said that the NUT had voted narrowly at its conference at the weekend to accept the proposals in the Acas document signed by the local authorities and some teacher unions.

The NUT was balloting its members and local authorities were meeting to discuss the proposals. He remained willing to hold further discussions with the local authorities and any of the teacher unions.

Mr Robert Hicks (South East Cornwall, C) said that his concern was the genuine predicament in the case of the good classroom teacher in schools in smaller villages and market towns who, having achieved the maximum after nine years, would find themselves locked in and their chance of promotion very limited.

Mr Baker said that that was exactly one of the main flaws of the Acas proposals and would affect adversely the smaller primary schools.

Under the Acas proposals there would be no promotion posts at all in three-quarters of primary schools and therefore no incentive for teachers to do well unless they sought to become a head teacher or deputy head, and a deputy at a small school would earn only £5 a week more than than the main professional grade teacher under the Acas proposals.

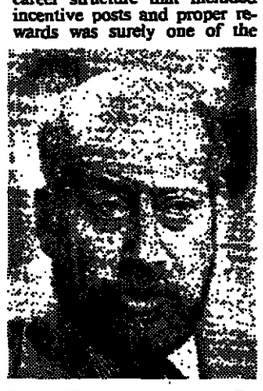
Mr Derek Fatchett (Leeds Central, Lab) said that Mr Baker made clear that he was prepared to be flexible about his own suggested imposed settlement. Would he give some indication of the areas in which he would be flexible?

Mr Baker said that he had met Mr John Pearman (the local authorities representative) and two unions so far and another had asked to see him next week.

The Government's position on pay remained within the cost envelope of £600 million.

Mr Clement Freud (North East Cambridgeshire, L) asked if he would reassure teachers that not only was his door open but that his mind remained open also?

Mr Baker said that it was often difficult to distinguish between the views of Mr Freud and the Labour Party on education. A career structure that included incentive posts and proper rewards was surely one of the



Mr Clement Freud: Is minister's mind open?

elements of Liberal thinking?

Mr Alan Haselhurst (Saffron Walden, C) said that the prize would be more glittering if a settlement could be achieved by agreement.

Mr Baker said that he agreed and that was why he had said his door remained open. It had been made more difficult by what Mr McAvoy, deputy general secretary of NUT, had said after the NUT conference, that there was no likelihood of the NUT agreement's being changed. Mr McAvoy had been quoted as saying: "There is an alternative: a return to action and disruption".

Mr Baker said: I utterly deplore that statement coming from a major figure in the NUT.

Mr Martin Flannery (Sheffield, Hillsborough, Lab) said that the real word in the question had been negotiation. If the Secretary of State tried to impose his will on the unions he would unify them and would have disrupted the schools once again.

Mr Baker said that the NUT had made clear it was not prepared to move at all;

Mr John Townend (Bridlington, C) said that there had been considerable improvement in the teacher-pupil ratio without an equivalent improvement in the quality of education. Would he resist demands for more teachers and more free periods, and concentrate resources on rewarding good teachers who were conscientious and accepted responsibility?

Mr Baker said that the pupil-teacher ratio had improved from 18.9 to 1 in 1979 to 17.6 to 1 now. The Government's proposals would improve the quality of education by providing incentives and rewards for at least half of the profession compared with one-third in the Acas document.

Mr Anthony Favell (Stockport, C) said that the time had come to remove local authorities from the pay equation. People wanted a national curriculum and national standards.

Mr Baker said that there was a move to try to support and encourage movement towards a national curriculum.

On the future, determining pay and conditions for teachers, the Bill to come before the House for second reading next week would set out the Government's proposals for interim advisory committees and he was sure that many people would welcome the fact that the Burnham negotiating machinery was coming to its end.

Mr Giles Radice, chief Opposition spokesman on education, asked Mr Baker whether he was prepared to accept any modification of his proposals or whether he was merely delaying until he had got his legislation through Parliament so that he could impose a settlement on teachers and employers.

Mr Baker said that on October 30 he had set out the Government's position and had provided a further £600 million.

"Since then there has been no movement towards the Government's position. Some unions are now coming to me and saying they would like to reconsider their position. I am willing to listen."

Minister attacks insider deals

The Government regarded insider dealing on the financial markets as a thoroughly pernicious practice which damaged markets and was unfair to individuals, Mr Michael Howard, Under-Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, said during an *Opposition* debate. The Government, he added, would do all in its power to root it out.

He claimed that the Opposition were not concerned with finding constructive solutions but only with "City bashing".

Opening the debate, **Mr Robin Cook**, an Opposition spokesman, moved a motion expressing concern at the evidence of insider dealing in the financial markets and the low clear-up rate, and rejecting the Government's policy of City self-regulation.

He said that when the Opposition tabled the motion on City fraud for today it had not been acting on any insider information that yesterday the Government would start a fraud investigation into one of Britain's largest companies.

Last year the total volume staked in the City in takeover bids was a record £6,000 million. In the first 10 months of this year the figure was five times as great — £30,000 million.

The City of London was one of the three main financial markets in the world and it was set in an economy in which output was stagnant, visible trade had achieved a deficit of heroic proportions and investment in manufacturing industry was declining from its earlier miserable level.

Within that economy, the City nevertheless found it possible to raise astronomic funds with which to gamble on the ownership of British industry in which it showed such little interest in investing.

At the moment, the City, in contrast to the industry around it, was going through a champagne period, with champagne salaries for those currently dealing in shares.

Last year's accounts for Morgan Grenfell showed that it had no fewer than 47 directors paid more than £100,000 a year. That was a generous reward, equivalent to the entire income of five head teachers or four surgeons.

It was Morgan Grenfell that hired Geoffrey Collier and paid him £300,000, but that did not stop him seeking to have his bit on the side which, if successful, would have netted him in an overnight transaction as much as the Secretary of State for Education was prepared to pay an unpromoted teacher for a full year's work.

Insider dealing was theft. The wealth in which the City dealt every day did not belong to the City. The source of all its power and wealth comprised the contributions to pension funds made by millions of workers and the insurance premiums paid by millions of ordinary men and women. They were the victims if the basis on which deals were struck in the City was not honest and above board.

Most of those trading in the City were honest dealers and he was prepared to accept that most of them were even more infuriated than MPs by recent revelations. But he found it difficult, in the face of the evidence, to accept that Mr Collier was the exception, other than in the sense that he was brought to book.

Many shares prices increased before the announcement of takeover bids and a lot of it turned on very well placed information.

It was no wonder *The Financial Times* had called the Department of Trade and Industry the Inspector Clouseau of insider dealing when the DTI had prosecuted only nine out of 110 cases.

Last year there had been only five prosecutions for all forms of fraud in the City. The JMB case, the biggest City scandal for a very long time, had so far resulted in not one single prosecution in the City. But this Government had prosecuted 138,918 social security claimants for fraud, and all of those cases involved sums which would barely pay for lunch in the City.

In the light of the current position would the Government not seek to persuade the Stock Exchange to stop trading in Guinness?

Mr Michael Howard, Under-Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, moved a government amendment congratulating the City and the Government's efforts against insider dealing.

He said that insider dealing had become an offence through the Companies Act, 1980, but it had not been an easy offence to prove. There was no lack of willingness to prosecute where evidence was available, the problem was meeting the high standard of proof required to secure a conviction.

In *The Times* that morning there had been an article by Senator William Proxmire, chairman of the Senate Banking Committee, in which he pointed out that the Securities and Exchange Commission had fined no one for violating insider information in 1982, 1983, 1984 or 1985. It had not been until 1986 that the Boesky case hit them between the eyes.

"Is it on that basis that the Opposition urge us to move away from our system towards the SEC?" he said.

The Financial Services Act contained powers to investigate insider dealer which could, without exaggeration, be described as draconian.

COMMENTARY

Geoffrey Smith

The MI5 book case is just the kind of issue that the House of Commons loves. It has a whiff of conspiracy, a good deal of mystery, a lot of personalities but not much technical detail. There is therefore a risk that too many members will enjoy today's debate too much.

It would be a pity if it becomes an occasion for unfocused indignation because there are serious questions to be discussed. If ministers are to emerge unscathed they must provide more adequate answers on a number of points than they have yet done.

It is not that the Government is lacking a justification for bringing the case. There is a point of principle to be defended: that, even if books are published from time to time by outside authors with the aid of leaks from within the security services, it is essential to prevent former members of these services from writing books themselves.

What the Government has to show is that it has been consistent and politically sensible in defence of that principle. The argument falls to the ground if it is evident that the Government was itself directly or indirectly a party to the book produced by Mr Chapman Pincher from Mr Peter Wright's disclosures.

Anxieties arising again on control

Not for the first time in this Government's history a number of broad anxieties arise. It is almost exactly a year since Westland exploded upon an unsuspecting country and it is remarkable how many of these anxieties were present then as well.

The circumstances of the two controversies are quite different and there is no sign of the Wright affair tearing the Government apart as Westland did. But Mrs Thatcher has displayed some of the same weaknesses in handling both episodes.

In both cases she has revealed an insensitivity towards the special role of the law officers. This is not an abstruse technicality because when ministers have a blind spot on such constitutional niceties they are more likely to stumble into political error.

The danger of rash and blinkered decision-making is all the greater when correct procedures are not followed and the relevant voices are not heard.

That failing has again been evident this time.

Why has it seemed to often to be surprised by the expected? Why did it fail to make sufficient allowance for the extent to which the circumstances of the Chapman Pincher book had weakened its case? Did it reflect that an ineffectual action would undermine the very principle that it was seeking to defend?

Above all, why did it fail to appreciate the political dimension of the course on which it was embarking? A large part of the answer to all these questions is that the circle of consultation was too narrow.

This is a frequent criticism of the way in which Mrs Thatcher runs the Government. But it points in this instance to another, largely unsuspected, failing. For all her strength of purpose and personality she sometimes does not exercise sufficient control.

Westland showed lack of control

In the Westland crisis she was unable to control the open warfare in her Cabinet. Now she appears to have accorded too much influence to MI5.

This is an area on which the Government can reasonably be expected to provide satisfaction for the future. Whatever ministers may say today, they are not likely to convince the House or anyone else that they have been conducting an accomplished political exercise.

But they ought to offer reassurance that the security services will be brought under effective political control. I doubt if parliamentary oversight would be the best way of doing this. It would probably either be ineffectual or too inhibiting, and the danger of leaks is real. So it would be better to keep that threat in reserve.

But the Government should appreciate that the demand for a parliamentary watchdog will become insistant unless there are new arrangements to ensure that ministerial control will be more effective in the future than it has in the past.

Norfolk and Suffolk Broads

Bill wins a second reading

The following is a summary of the Commons debate on the second reading of the Norfolk and Suffolk Broads Bill that appeared in late editions of this newspaper yesterday.

There had been a decline in the past 25 years in the natural beauty and scientific interest of the Norfolk and Suffolk Broads, Mr William Waldegrave, Minister for Environment, Countryside and Planning, said when moving the second reading of the Bill, which sets up a statutory authority to develop, manage and conserve the area.

He said the landscape was largely man-made and unique. It covered 111 square miles and the waterways attracted thousands of visitors, bringing great benefits to the local economy. But there were problems.

The decline in the natural beauty and scientific interest had been caused by the accumulated effects of complex and interrelated factors, including water pollution, loss of riverside reed beds and other fringe vegetation.

Conversion of marshland to arable land had caused the loss of some of the characteristic features of the landscape of the Broads.

The Government's approach had been to establish a new authority, the Broads Authority, with powers and duties in line with those of national park authorities.

The heart and origin of the Bill was to conserve the Broads for ever for the enjoyment of everyone. The Bill would fail unless it secured proper conservation. There was therefore a need for a properly integrated authority to manage the waterways and land together.

The Bill provided for the eight relevant local authorities to meet the balance of expenditure not met by grant from the Government. The Government intended to set its grant at the same level as that for national parks.

Dr David Clark, for the Opposition, said that the Opposition readily supported the concept of the Bill, but with reservations.

One of its strengths was that it was born out of the concern of local people. They had been anxious to protect the area from the effects of tourism and navigation. The Bill represented their aspirations.

However, navigation seemed to be placed ahead of environmental considerations in its order of priorities.

Sir John Wells (Maidstone, C) said that the boating community, which he understood would be providing more than half the revenue of the authority, should be given greater strength on the navigation committee.

Mr John Powley (Norwich South, C) said the Broads were changing and as time passed and more people used them they had in many respects deteriorated.

The river banks had eroded, the water quality had changed and the bird and plant life had been affected. All those and other matters could be given much greater attention under the provisions of this Bill.

Mr Clement Freud (North East Cambridgeshire, L) said that this was a splendid Bill and he welcomed it wholeheartedley. He would like it to place more emphasis on conservation rather than navigation.

The Bill did not mention nature conservation specifically: it mentioned natural beauty instead. Were the Broads going to look pretty? That would not necessarily ensure good conservation.

Mr James Prior (Waveney, C) said that he was grateful to the minister for grasping this tricky nettle and, on the whole, satisfying most of the interests.

Mr Ronald Davies (Caerphilly, Lab) said that the Government had given conservation too low a priority in the Bill. There should be restrictions on boating interests, but the Bill was overloaded with navigational interests. There was a clear majority of navigation interests on the authority.

Mr Henry Bellingham (North West Norfolk, C) said that the Government had risen to the occasion with the Bill.

The Bill was read a second time.

Owen speaks out for nuclear policy

Dr David Owen, Leader of the SDP, used a question to Mrs Thatcher to demonstrate his support of nuclear defence strategy, and his division from Labour defence policy.

He asked the Prime Minister: While we may disagree how best to make a contribution to the Nato nuclear deterrent, that is as nothing compared with the advocacy of a non-nuclear defence strategy for Nato.

Does she agree that the Australian precedent, whereby Australia agreed with the United States that New Zealand, pursuing a non-nuclear defence strategy, could no longer remain a member of the Anzus treaty organization is exactly the attitude that our European partners will take to the idea of one Nato country opting out of Nato's nuclear defence strategy?

Mrs Thatcher: The nuclear defence strategy is a fundamental part of the Nato defence strategy.

Earlier, **Mr Kenneth Hargreaves** (Hyndburn, C) had said: The more the people of this country learn about the defence policies of the Labour Party, the more they will support this Government's policy of full membership of Nato and maintaining the deterrent.

Mrs Thatcher said that the Liberal-SDP defence policy would not deter.

Mr Michael Heseltine (Henley, C): Will Mrs Thatcher ask the Chiefs of Staff if they could make an assessment — and if it could be published — of the Labour Party's latest alternative to a nuclear deterrent, a ditch from the Baltic to the Adriatic filled with explosive slurry to deter Soviet tanks? (laughter).

Mrs Thatcher: We do not need an assessment from the Chiefs of Staff. Labour's suggestion is crackers.

Cash decision soon

Universities would learn early next year how much money there was for academic pay, Mrs Angela Rumbold, Minister of State for Education, said during Commons questions.

She was replying to Mr Andrew Bennett, an Opposition spokesman on education, who said there was considerable confusion in the universities because they did not know how much money each of them was going to get or how much the Government had earmarked for academic staff and non-academic staff.

The Opposition was appalled at the very low wages paid to some non-academic staff in the universities.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Debates on Alliance motions on the need for a committee to oversee the security services and on defence.

Grants to students no longer adequate government admits

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

The Government admitted for the first time yesterday that student grants were no longer adequate to meet basic expenditure needs, thus seeming to pave the way for radical reforms in methods of student support.

In written evidence to the education select committee, which is inquiring into the level of student support, the Department of Education (DES) stated: "We would not now maintain that the maintenance element of the mandatory award is sufficient to meet all the essential expenditure of the average student".

It explained that "the consideration of student needs has to be balanced by an assessment of what it is fair and reasonable to ask taxpayers to contribute in the current economic climate".

And in oral evidence to the committee, Mr Nicholas Summers, an under-secretary at the DES, agreed that amendments would now be necessary to the wording of the department's guidance booklet issued to potential students.

This states that the grant is "the sum, calculated annually, needed for the basic maintenance requirements of a student taking a first degree or similar qualification", and that it "normally covers tuition fees and maintenance".

The department's admission was interpreted by MPs yesterday as paving the way for radical innovations in methods of student support which would be unveiled in the government's Student Support Review being chaired by Mr George Walden, Under Secretary of State at the department. Certainly DES officials made no attempt yesterday to justify the present system.

Mr Summers emphasized that the amount of taxpayers' money available to students would remain "broadly commensurate" with its present level, and spoke freely of alternative sources of student finance, including student loans and sponsorship. There was, he said, a general agreement on the need for a fundamental reappraisal of the arrangements for student support.

The department admitted also that the real value of student grants had fallen by 13 per cent since 1979 — though other interested bodies have in their evidence cited figures of around 20 per cent.

Mr Nicholas Baker, an assistant secretary at the DES, agreed that this fall, allied with the rapidly increasing cost of board and lodging, meant that notional allowances for books and equipment were being "squeezed out". Students were increasingly dependent on what libraries could make available to them, he said.

In further admissions, the officials also conceded that the department's estimates of student needs were based not on independent research, but on evidence supplied by the National Union of Students and the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals; and that the retail price index did not really apply to students, whose costs were entirely different from other sections of society.

Mr Summers further admitted that the new system of travel grants, limiting the sum available for any student to £170, represented "rough justice", with many students losing out.

Separate language units 'defy race Act'

By John Clare
Education Correspondent

Teaching English to Asian children in separate language units contravenes the Race Relations Act, according to a report published yesterday by the Commission for Racial Equality.

Using its powers under the Act, the commission carried out a formal investigation into the teaching of English as a second language to pupils in Calderdale, West Yorkshire. It concluded that the authority's methods could not be justified on educational grounds and amounted to indirect racial discrimination.

The commission believes that the education of up to 75,000 children in Britain, most of them Asian, could be affected by its findings.

The report says Asian children in Calderdale have to pass a language screening test before being admitted to an ordinary school. Eight out of 10 of them fail and are then segregated for up to two years.

One consequence, it says, is that the segregated children are given a restricted curriculum. It adds that the language development of Asian children is actually hindered by the separation from native speakers of English.

Calderdale, which cooperated with the commission during the investigation, now accepts the prevailing view that it is better to educate children whose first language is not English in mainstream schools and classes.

The report calls on Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, to take steps to ensure that unsatisfactory arrangements are changed.

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh casting an eye over muck spreaders, sprayers, tractors and ploughs at the 175th Royal Smithfield Show at Earls Court, west London, yesterday.

A new blackcurrant harvester caught the Queen's attention and she spent some time studying it. She has several acres of blackcurrants on her estate at Sandringham.

A total of 170 agricultural machines and tractors were on display for the first time at the show, which is being visited by more than 20 government and commercial trade missions.

The Queen presented the trophy for the show's Supreme Champion to Mr Joseph Gilberts, of Church Farm, Coventry, for his steer Bruno, a Limousin-Charolais cross.

Shorter hours 'no help to jobless'

Shorter working hours and earlier retirement would not cut the number of people out of work, a report from Charter for Jobs, a non-party campaign which promotes action over unemployment, says (Our Employment Affairs Correspondent writes).

The report, produced by Professor Richard Layard, head of the Centre for Labour Economics at the London School of Economics, points to the United Kingdom approach that had reduced working hours and at the same time increased unemployment. Research had shown that such measures led to lower output and offered no protection against unemployment.

The case for shorter working hours received no support from the research figures.

When workers were given early retirement and the number of jobs remained constant, then inflation would again increase. If that was acceptable it would be better for the extra inflation to be generated by providing more jobs than by shuffling existing jobs around, it says.

Court plea by mother of Ripper victim

The mother of the Yorkshire Ripper's last victim yesterday asked the Court of Appeal to overturn a High Court ruling that she could not sue the police for negligence.

Mrs Doreen Hill, from Middlesbrough, Cleveland, brought an action against West Yorkshire Police claiming her daughter would not have died were it not for mistakes made during police investigations.

She is asking Lord Justice Fox, sitting with Lord Justice Glidewell and Sir Roualeyn Cumming-Bruce, to overturn the ruling that the police had no duty of care to her daughter.

Mr Richard Clegg, QC, counsel for Mrs Hill, said that in the five years before the murder of Miss Jacqueline Hill in 1980, Peter Sutcliffe had killed or attempted to kill 20 other young women.

A police inquiry later found there had been "major errors of judgement and inefficencies" in the investigation.

Mr Clegg said: "If they had not occurred, Sutcliffe would have been identified as a prime suspect sooner than he was and therefore he would have been arrested sooner".

He claimed it was "unjust and unfair" for the judge to decide they had no cause of action before the evidence was complete.

Once they had determined to catch him, the police were under a specific duty to do so, Mr Clegg said. "We submit they have carried out that task in a careless manner."

Mrs Hill, who was not in court, is claiming around £100,000, which she would use for a charitable trust in memory of her daughter.

The hearing continues today.

University's £4m gift will fund art teaching

A new unit to promote teaching and research in non-Western art is to be established at the University of East Anglia, Norwich, with a £4.5 million grant from the trustees of the Sainsbury Art Trust (Our Education Reporter writes).

The award marks the golden wedding in March 1987 of Sir Robert and Lady Sainsbury and is the latest in a history of artistic ties between the family and the university.

The gift, believed to be the most substantial to an institution of higher education in recent years, was described yesterday by Professor Michael Thompson, the university's vice-chancellor, as "wonderfully generous".

The grant represents a huge amount of money when set alongside the latest figures from the Universities Information Unit in London. In 1984-85, the total amount received by the 45 British universities from endowments made by industries and charities was £22.1 million.

In 1973, Sir Robert and Lady Sainsbury gave UEA their art collection of 399 items, including paintings by Picasso and Degas and sculptures by Henry Moore. Five years later they commissioned a centre for the visual arts.

It is expected that the £4.5 million will be divided evenly between the visual arts centre and the new unit, which will feature indigenous art from Africa, America and the Far East.

The university says that the non-Western art unit will contribute to undergraduate teaching in the School of Art History and Music. It is to offer two or three postgraduate bursaries for doctoral research, and there will be exhibitions and a series of publications.

The injection of cash is a welcome boost to the university, which is facing a projected cut of about £1 million from the University Grants Committee.

School dinners staff lose appeal on jobs

An industrial tribunal has decided that a council was right to dismiss 105 school lunch assistants.

The women claimed they were constructively dismissed when they refused to accept new contracts from Enfield council in north London, which would have cut holiday and retainer pay. Some said they would lose more than £700 in wages.

Mr Alan Pardoe, representing the council, told a week-long hearing last month that Enfield was threatened with rate-capping.

In its report the panel expressed "a deal of sympathy" with the women but said that Enfield's charges for school meals were the highest in London and it was attempting to save £250,000 on the service.

"Even if there had been a greater take-up in the service this would not have resulted in the savings that were desired."

● Farmers in the Fens of East Anglia have given five tons of food and vegetables to 45 local schools to enable pupils to prepare dishes in cookery classes using fresh produce.

Prison for woman swindler

While awaiting trial in North Wales for obtaining £5,000 by deception from a neighbour, Anne Marie Burke, aged 22, of Park Avenue, Rogerstone, Gwent, carried on a business in Newport swindling investors of more than £130,000, Cardiff Crown Court was told yesterday when she appeared for sentence.

Describing her as a cheat, Mr Justice McNeill jailed her for five years, which included a 12-month suspended sentence received at Caernarvon in November last year.

Among Burke's victims were a woman, aged 77, who lost £20,000 received from the sale of her house, and a mother of three who invested £20,000 insurance money.

A retired couple were left penniless after investing £58,000.

Future of Tory MP in doubt

The Winchester Conservative Association is to meet on December 16 to discuss whether to readopt Mr John Browne as its candidate at the next election.

Mr Browne, whose former wife faces jail for non-payment of a divorce settlement, said yesterday that he was amazed at the move.

The association's former president, Lady Riches, wife of General Sir Ian Riches, said she was not interested in his divorce problems but felt he had not spent enough time in his constituency.

She is supported by other members, including Mr Hardy Wakefield, who wants the association to ask Mr Browne to step down.

Mr Browne denied being out of touch with strong local issues.

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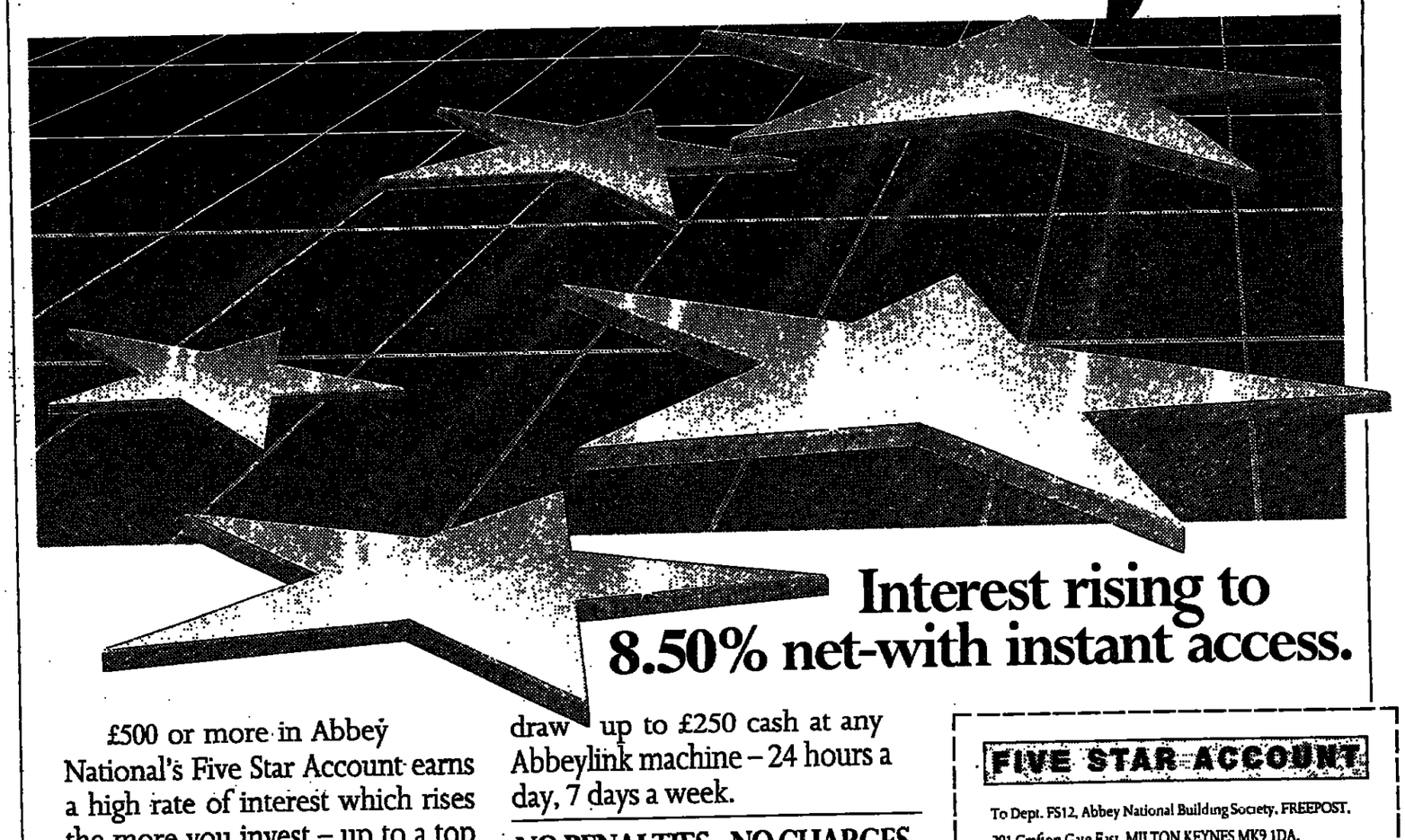

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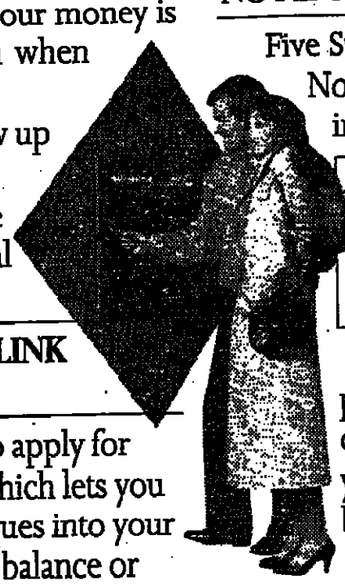

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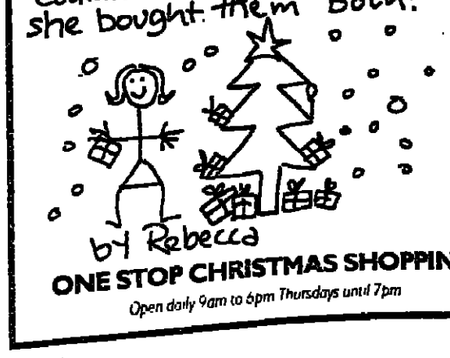

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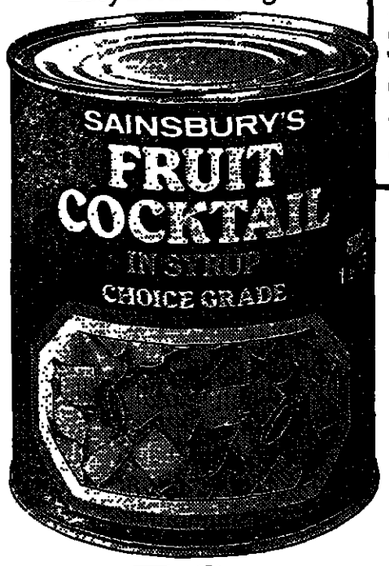

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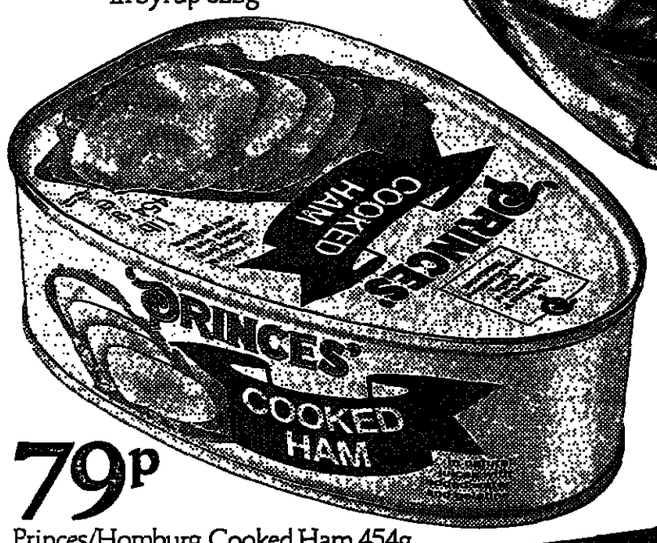

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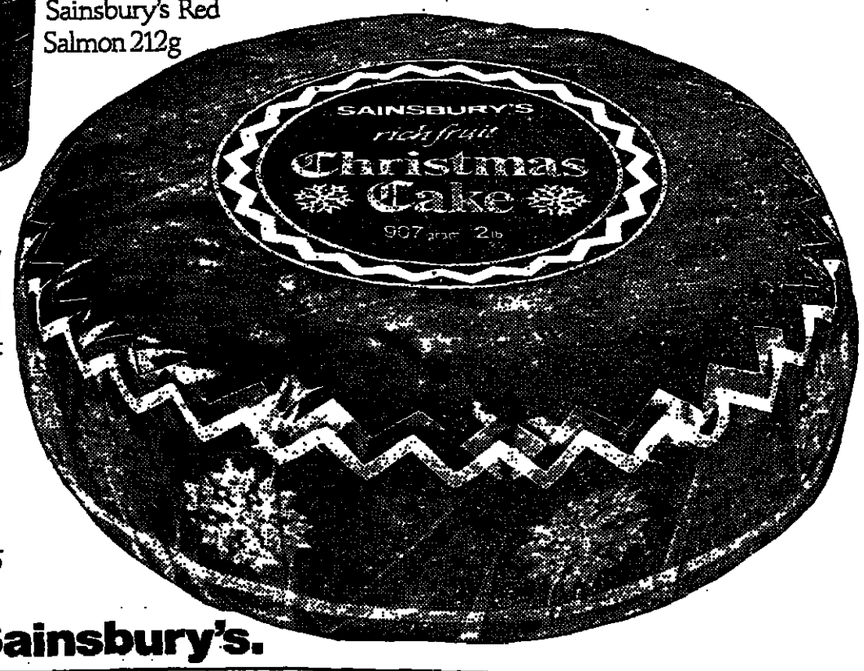

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BBC bars value-for-money audit of external services

By Richard Evans, Political Correspondent

BBC chiefs are refusing to allow the National Audit Office to carry out a value-for-money inquiry into the corporation's external services, in spite of evidence of financial mismanagement, inefficiency and a high level of cash incentives for staff.

The rebuff, which could lead to a confrontation between the BBC and the powerful Commons Public Accounts Committee, is disclosed in a highly critical report published yesterday by Sir Gordon Downey, the Comptroller and Auditor General, who expresses deep reservations about the financial running of the external services, and insists he should be allowed to carry out a full investigation.

The findings of a recent Whitehall review and the BBC's resistance to implementing recommended changes "have underlined the need for independent access to BBC External Services for the purpose of satisfying Parliament about economy, efficiency and effectiveness in the use of resources met directly from public funds".

But Sir Gordon, who as independent head of the audit office (NAO) is empowered by Parliament to report on the financial efficiency of all government departments and a large number of public bodies, is being thwarted by the BBC because of a legal disagreement over whether the corporation is covered by the National Audit Act.

He calls on the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, which finances the services, to try to resolve the disagreement on the interpretation of the National Audit Act and obtain BBC agreement to NAO access to external services.

The Public Accounts Committee, which acts as Parliament's public spending watchdog, is expected to take evidence from the BBC on Sir Gordon's report early in the new year and is bound to support his demand for access to information.

BBC External Services broadcast to countries overseas in English, through the World Service, and in 36 foreign languages. Over the past six years running costs have risen in real terms by 15 per cent, while output has increased by only 2.5 per cent.

Last year, Foreign Office grants, which pay for the world renowned services, totalled £88.2 million.

Sir Gordon's report, which covers the Foreign Office's funding and oversight of the BBC organization, comes on the heels of a Whitehall review which concluded it would be possible to make net savings of £1.6 million a year and 151 staff.

The review team, which included officials from the Treasury and the Prime Minister's efficiency unit, found that the BBC lacked a system for reviewing annual expenditure programmes and failed to examine critically the costs of proposed capital projects.

It also discovered that in the External Broadcasting Directorate, which manages the services, there had been "a significant underlying increase in new and up-graded posts ... without equivalent compensating surrenders or downgradings of posts".

Within the directorate there was also "an unexpectedly high incidence of discretionary merit awards, enjoyed by 25 per cent of monthly paid staff, and of personal salaries awarded to 16 per cent of senior staff".

In February 1985 the review team published its report and made 38 detailed recommendations aimed at improving efficiency and effectiveness and to enhance financial control and accountability to the Foreign Office.

In spite of a proposed timetable for carrying out the changes, Sir Gordon concludes: "Progress has been variable and slower than expected in implementing the recommendations of the review". And he points to "determined BBC resistance" to any significant changes in coverage and priorities.

He adds: "There is as yet no acceptance on the part of the BBC that it should observe the same standards of accountability as are required for other grant-aided bodies".

Mr John Tusa, managing director of BBC External Services, yesterday called Sir Gordon's report "muddled and misleading".

He said: "The danger lurking for us in the NAO report is that if ever the External Services were, or were perceived abroad, to be controlled by the Foreign Office rather than the BBC Board of Governors, then our credibility with our audience would be fatally undermined".

With more than 120 million listeners, the External Services had the largest world-wide audience of any international broadcaster. The audience was obtained at much less cost and by using only a fraction of the transmission time of the BBC's main rivals, Mr Tusa said.

Jimmy Tarbuck, with Angie Layne, marking the Royal Marsden thermometer (Photograph: Tim Bishop).

Stars aid cancer hospital appeal

By David Cross

Comedian Jimmy Tarbuck and model Angie Layne yesterday lent their support to a £5 million appeal for the Royal Marsden Hospital in Chelsea, south-west London.

They put the first marks on a giant thermometer erected outside the hospital to chart the progress of the appeal, to raise money for a new four-storey clinical block. Miss Layne has recently undergone surgery for breast cancer at the hospital.

Mr Tarbuck said: "We're heading for the first million. But there's still a long way to go before we reach our target."

Mr Marmaduke Hussey, chairman of the board of governors of the hospital and chairman of the BBC, wants to reach the £1 million mark by Christmas at the latest. "There is very little time left, but I know we can depend on the generosity of the public", he said.

Since the appeal was launched last September, more than £750,000 has been collected for the extension, which will be equipped with advanced cancer-fighting aids. These will include up to six operating theatres designed to accommodate hi-tech equipment required for the delicate reconstructive techniques now being performed on cancer patients.

Scottish bank to cut jobs by 1,150

Clydesdale Bank in Scotland is planning at least 1,150 redundancies under a "rationalization" programme outlined to staff yesterday.

The bank will close eight to 10 branches in each of the next two or three years in Scotland's main cities and towns where it already has "adequate representation".

Banks in outlying areas will be down-graded with groups of branches coming under the control of one senior manager.

It is not known how many job losses are involved in this exercise, but the bank is also planning to lose 350 clerical jobs over a similar period.

Clydesdale says there will be no compulsory redundancies and job cuts over the next two years will be achieved through natural wastage.

The principal union involved, The Banking, Insurance and Finance Union, which represents 3,500 staff, believes the Clydesdale Bank is losing its autonomy and is becoming merely a regional network of Midland Bank.

The union's first response will be to seek public support for a campaign against job losses and branch closures. Industrial action is also an option.

Clydesdale recorded a 27.17 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £29.5 million earlier this year.

In the EEC chair: 3

Battle on air fares nearing its climax

*In the third of a series reviewing Britain's six months as chairman of the EEC, **Robin Oakley, Political Editor**, examines the battle to get cheaper air fares in Europe.*

Britain has been crusading for cheaper air fares in Europe for seven years. When we took over the Common Market presidency last July the great hope of Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, was that a successful British initiative on air fares would at last convince doubters that there were practical advantages to membership of the Common Market.

Apart from Sir Geoffrey and his Minister of State, Mrs Lynda Chalker, probably no ministerial team has worked more intensively during the past five months in Europe than Mr John Moore, Secretary of State for Transport, and Mr Michael Spicer, the Aviation Minister, to secure some practical results.

In endless bilateral meetings with their Common Market counterparts they have cajoled, wheedled, bullied and threatened in an attempt to end the European carve-up on air fares.

They regard their case as unanswerable. Air traffic has grown 15 per cent in liberalized Britain. We lifted barriers with the Dutch in 1984 and London to Amsterdam in consequence is now the busiest route in the world.

In mid-November, however, after two days of furious wrangling in Brussels, their hopes foundered when the Transport Council refused to back even a compromise programme for which Mr Moore had been criticized by British consumer groups for giving too much away.

At the European summit this week Mrs Thatcher will, if she judges the mood to be right, launch a final assault. But it seems now that the battle will be won, as it eventually must be, as much in the courts as around the negotiating table.

Airline customers within Europe are cheated into paying higher prices than they should in three ways. National flag carriers divide up many routes on a 50:50 basis, fixing prices, deciding how many seats to sell and splitting the profits.

Would-be competitors are denied market access. Rules and regulations for the offering of discounts are hedged around with so many restrictions that few passengers can benefit.

Britain, with the full support of British Airways, British Caledonian and British Midland, is campaigning for full liberalization of air transport.

The Common Market has agreed liberalization as a target by 1992. But many member governments are fighting all the way to protect their inefficient subsidized airlines.

At the November Transport Council meeting, Mr Moore tried to get a compromise package that would still have reserved 40 per cent of capacity for the national carrier, for increased — but not absolute — access for new airlines, and for the easing of restrictions on fare discounts but the talks broke down.

On the 60:40 split on capacity only Greece and Denmark were opposed this time. On cheaper fares the opponents were down to six — France, Italy, Greece, Denmark, Spain and Portugal. Before too long, under the new European Single Act, majority voting will come in. So we need only one more convert.

Belgium takes over the presidency next and M Herman de Croo, its Transport Secretary, is a liberalizer.

On this issue we have the Common Market Commission working with us. After court cases involving a French travel agent prosecuted for undercutting Air France the European Court of Justice has ruled that the cartel arrangement is illegal. The Commission has written to all the airlines concerned after compiling a dossier on their practices. Court actions will bring results in time if political action fails.

Mr Spicer says that Britain will make no further compromises and that we are prepared to take unilateral action to ensure that competition is increased and fares are cut.

Mr Spicer has also underlined the other weapon available to Britain: pressure from consumers for cheaper flights.

Tomorrow: Playing the European orchestra.

Ex-curator of museum for trial

A former curator of the National Postal Museum was committed to the Central Criminal Court for trial yesterday on 11 charges of forgery and stealing stamps from the Post Office.

William Wellstead, aged 56, faces seven charges of stealing rare stamps worth more than £8,000 between 1983 and 1985.

Mr Wellstead, former head of the museum in Holborn, central London, is also accused of obtaining a cheque by pretending he was authorized to sell stamps owned by the Post Office.

Mr Wellstead, of Ben Johnson House, Barbican, in the City, was committed by Guildhall Magistrates' Court and granted bail on condition that he surrendered his passport and provided a £10,000 surety.

Policemen for trial on assault

Six British Transport Police officers accused of assault during an incident last year involving supporters of Everton Football Club were yesterday committed for trial at Knightsbridge Crown Court.

PCs Gary Jennings, Peter Harding, Terence Orchard, John Barry, Martin Britt, and Police Inspector Michael Foster, whose addresses were given as the British Transport Police headquarters, The Broadway, St James's Park, Westminster, London, appeared at Wells Street Magistrates' Court, central London.

A seventh man, PC Phillip James, of Ivanhoe Road, Hounslow, west London, was discharged owing to insufficient evidence.

The alleged incident took place at Edgware Road Underground Station on October 12.

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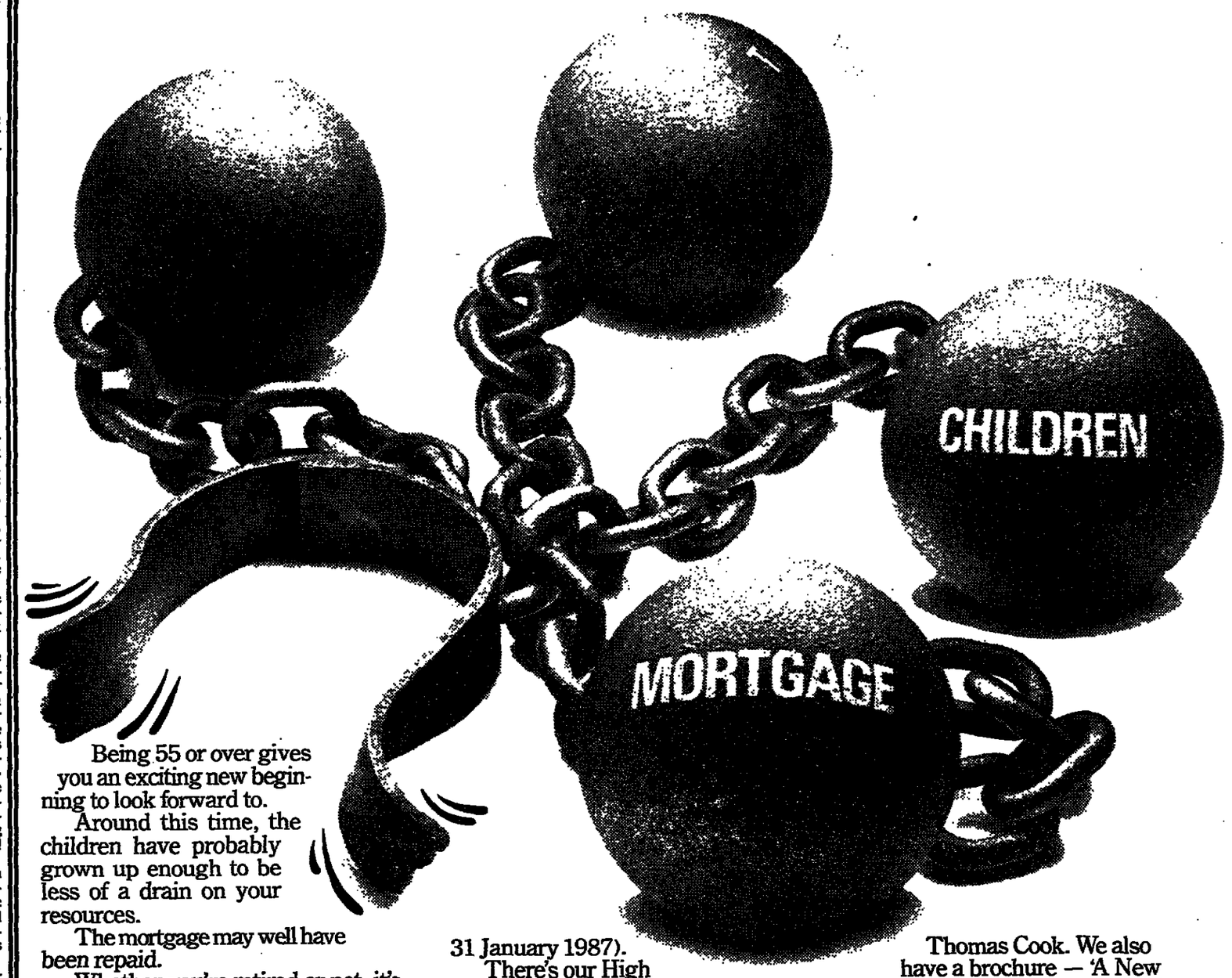

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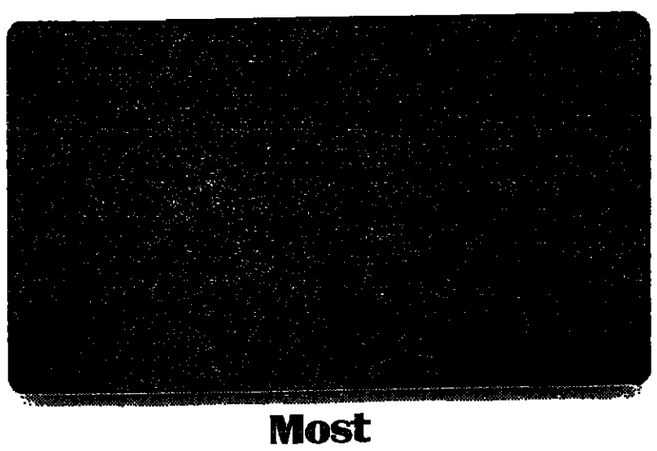
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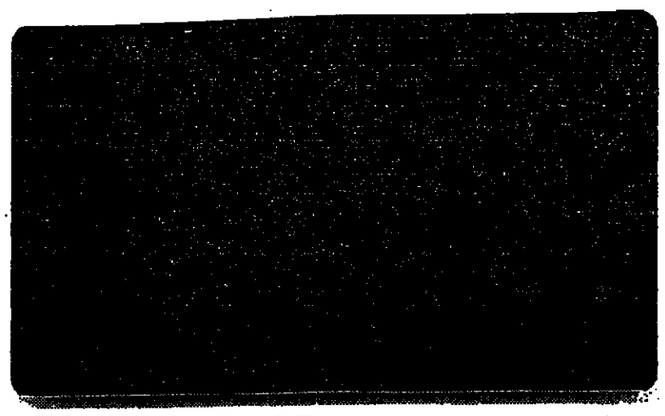
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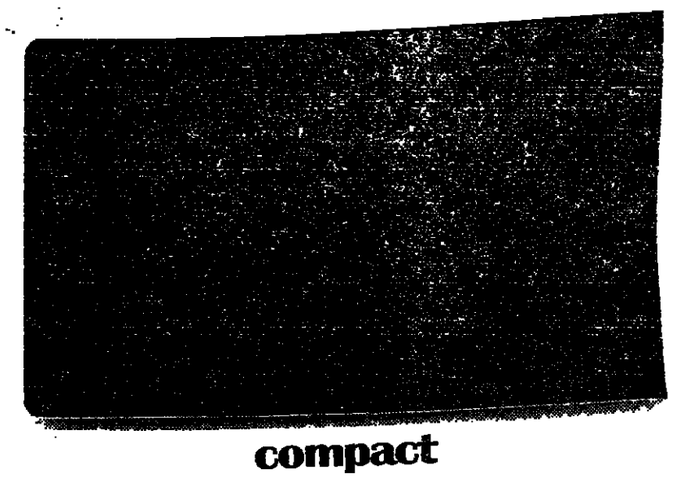
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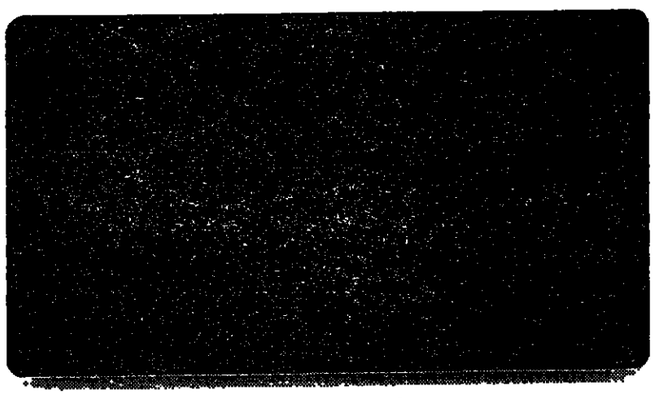
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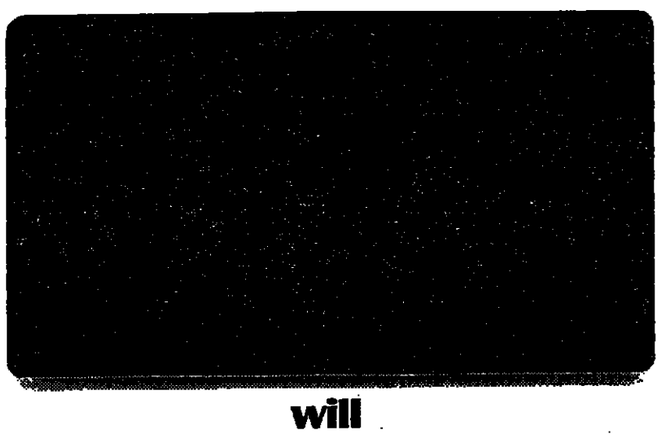
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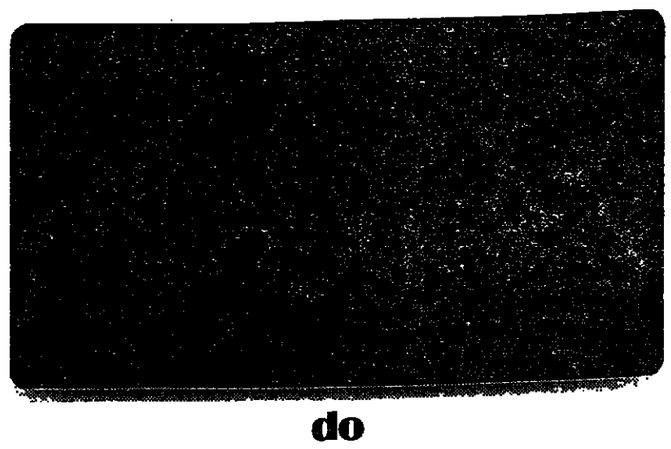
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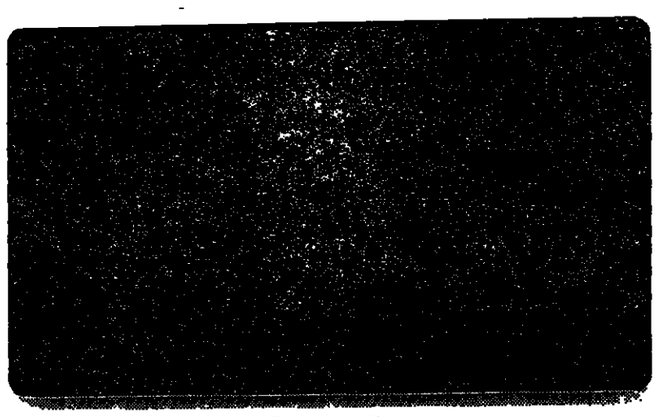
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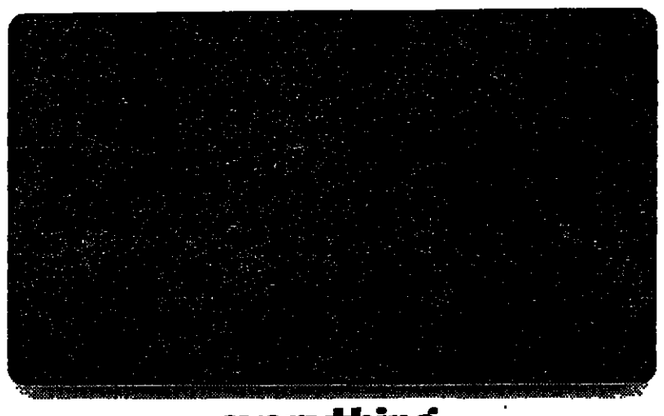
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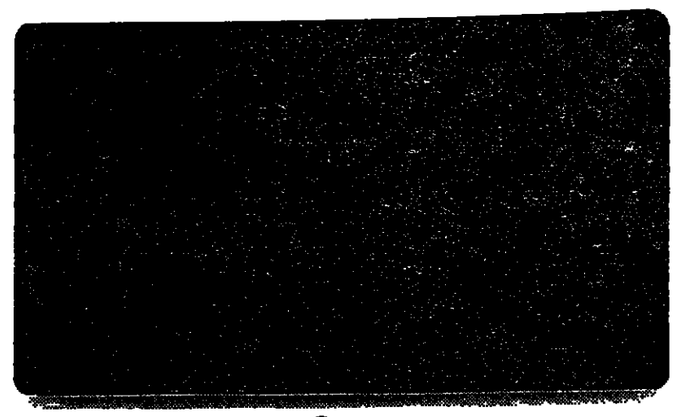
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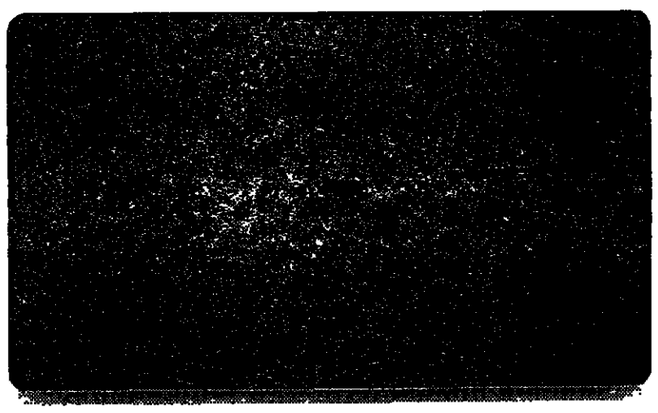
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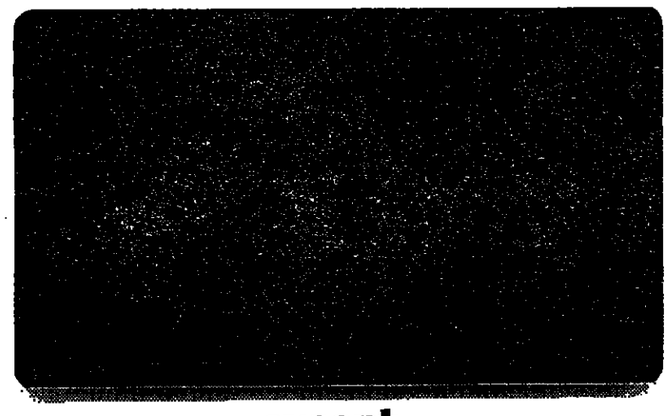
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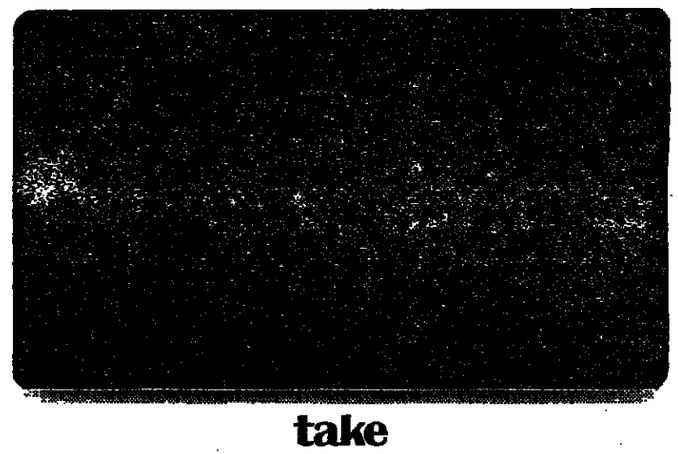
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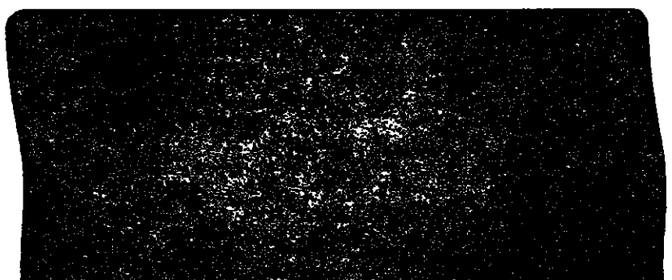
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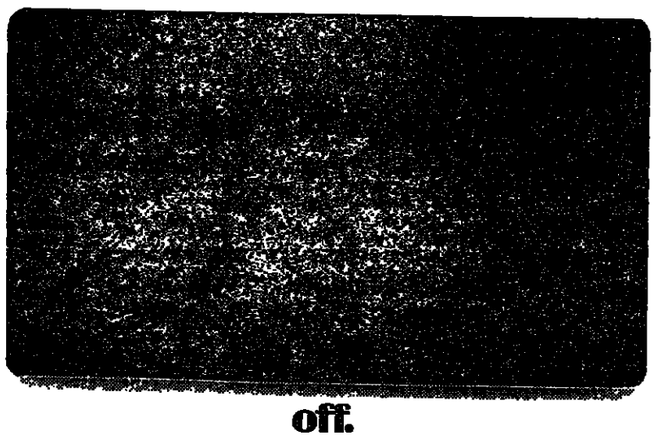
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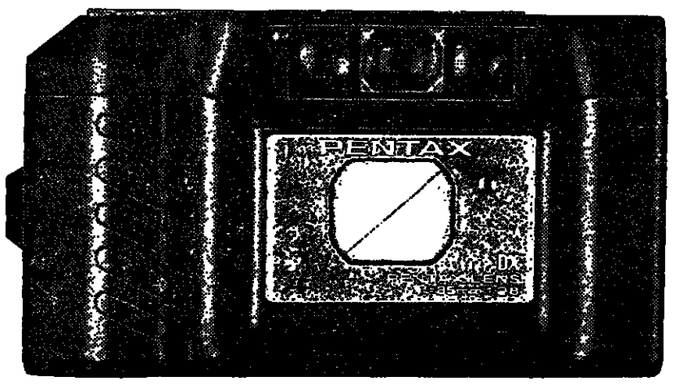

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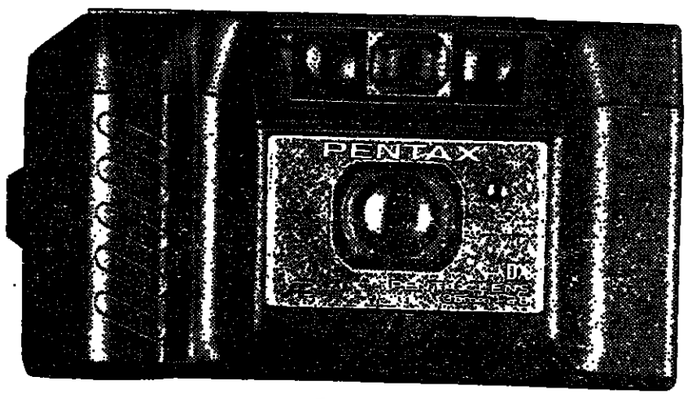

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WORLD SUMMARY

PLO halts Amal tank thrust

Beirut – Palestinian guerrillas yesterday claimed they had halted a new attack by the Shia Muslim Amal militia after hours of fierce fighting around two refugee camps in Beirut (Juan Carlos Gumucio writes).

Artillery and rocket battles near the hilltop village of Magdouche, in the hills east of Sidon, went unabated for the ninth consecutive day with no clear gains for either side.

The violence came as Lebanon's Christians and Muslims, in an unusual expression of unity, brought the country to a standstill in a general strike in protest against the high cost of living.

The guerrillas said they had crushed an Amal tank-supported thrust around Beirut's Bourj el-Barajneh and Chatila camps with barrages of mortar and rocket fire.

Unconfirmed reports said 43 people were killed and more than 70 wounded in the past 24 hours. Palestinians in southern Lebanon alleged that among the dead were 12 children from the refugee camp of Rashidiyeh, which has been under Amal siege since October 1.

UN blow for France

New York – The UN General Assembly voted yesterday to place the French Pacific Territory of New Caledonia under UN oversight in order to ensure the genuine self-determination of the islanders (Zoriana Pysariwsky writes).

The vote, 89 to 24 with 34 abstentions, was a diplomatic blow for France, which conducted a vigorous lobbying effort against the measure.

Seven countries from the South Pacific forum, including Australia and New Zealand, spearheaded the successful campaign aimed against what are seen as French attempts to consolidate its hold over New Caledonia. The outcome in the assembly was a rare defeat for France at the UN.

The French Government is now bound to allow special UN missions entry on to the territory and to submit regular reports regarding its stewardship over New Caledonia to the UN Secretary-General.

Guerrillas hit Kabul

Islamabad (AP) – Muslim guerrillas launched an attack on the Afghan capital, Kabul, firing at least 20 rockets into the city and causing explosions aromnd the Soviet Embassy and other key targets.

Western diplomats said the guerrillas launched the co-ordinated attack on Saturday night and witnesses indicated it came from four separate directions outside the city. There were explosions in the Khair Khane commercial district and about 20 rockets hit in the Darulaman area.

ID papers charge

Paris (Reuter) – M Jacques Delebois, head of the International Service of Technical Police Co-operation, was charged yesterday with issuing false identity papers to M Yves Chalier, an aide to the former Socialist Minister of Co-operation, who fled abroad after being accused of embezzling public funds.

He was charged over the disappearance of 20 million francs (£2.2 million). The money vanished after passing through a state-funded aid association set up by the previous government to promote awareness of Third World issues.

Pretoria frees Christie

Johannesburg – A former white research fellow at the University of Cape Town sentenced six years ago to a 10-year jail term for terrorism has been set free, apparently to avoid embroiling President Botha in an embarrassing court case (Michael Hornsby writes).

Dr Renfrew Christie, who was convicted of passing documents concerning the Koeberg nuclear power plant near Cape Town to the outlawed African National Congress (ANC), had brought a court action against Mr Botha

In February 1985, Dr Christie wrote a letter to Mr Botha agreeing not to use violence as a means of achieving political objectives and requesting to be set free. The previous month Mr Botha had made a statement to Parliament offering to release Mr Nelson Mandela of the ANC, and other security prisoners, if they promised to renounce violence.

Arnaz dies

Los Angeles (AP) – Desi Arnaz (right), the Cuban-born entertainer who teamed with the comedienne Lucille Ball to become one of the giants of television, died early yesterday of cancer in Del Mar near San Diego.

Reports that Arnaz was seriously ill had circulated since 1981.

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M Chirac, the French Prime Minister, an aide and Mr Weinberger, the US Defence Secretary, after their Paris meeting.

Poll shows popularity of Reagan reaching lowest ebb since 1982

From Michael Binyon
Washington

President Reagan's popularity rating has suffered the sharpest decline in the past month of any President since such polls began 50 years ago, A *New York Times* poll found that it has fallen from 67 to 46 per cent since the Iran arms affair began.

The poll, conducted on Sunday and published yesterday, gives Mr Reagan the lowest approval rating since the economic recession in 1982.

However, it is still far ahead of the low points reached by President Nixon and President Carter.

The poll found that a majority of Americans believe the Reagan Administration is "covering up" the facts of its arms deal with Iran and that the incident is at least as serious as the Watergate affair.

It found people did not believe President Reagan's denials about knowledge of Iran arms deals' profits going to the Nicaraguan Contras. They were also deeply sceptical of similar denials from Vice-President George Bush and Mr Donald Regan, the White House Chief of Staff.

Some 56 per cent of those questioned disapproved of the President's conduct of foreign policy, the most since he took office. More than half said they were "uneasy" about his handling of an international crisis.

The poll was published as the Senate Intelligence Committee began its hearings into the Iran scandal. Senators heard 12 hours of secret testimony on Monday from Mr Robert McFarlane, the former National Security Adviser, Lieutenant-Colonel Oliver North, the dismissed military adviser and a third witness, said to have been Mr John McMahon, former deputy director of the CIA.

Crisis in the White House

Mr McFarlane looked flushed and grim after testifying for more than six hours and refused to comment. The senators, who are sworn not to reveal what they heard, said they were getting the candour and co-operation the Administration had promised.

Senator Thomas Eagleton, an outgoing Democrat from Missouri, said he was sure Mr McFarlane had authorized the arms sale and diversion of funds.

"It wasn't Santa Claus," he said. No one believed Colonel North operated alone, he said.

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, yesterday indicated that Washington's European allies were anxious that Mr Reagan should speedily resolve the Iran arms shipment controversy (Reuter reports from Brussels).

In answer to the President's description of him as a "national hero", he said no one questioned Colonel North's gut patriotism. But "even patriots can make horrendous, grossly illegal mistakes".

Meanwhile, a flamboyant Texan billionaire was reported to have put up ransom money several times during the past five years in an unsuccessful attempt to obtain the release of various US hostages, including those in Lebanon.

Mr Ross Perot was apparently ready to place $2 million (£1.4 million) in a Zurich bank on May 23 at the request of Colonel North as part of a secret transaction to secure the release of the remaining captives in Lebanon.

But Colonel North instead asked him to send the money by courier to Cyprus, according to *The Washington Post*. This was to be exchanged at sea for five hostages in a "ship-to-ship" transfer. The courier waited in Cyprus for five days, but the deal fell through.

Mr Perot, the third wealthiest man in America, was quoted as saying: "I wouldn't have done that unless it was the request of the US Government . . . Ollie didn't operate in a vacuum."

But yesterday the White House said it knew nothing of any such arrangement, and if it took place it was without authorization.

President Reagan's remarks to *Time* magazine last week have caused considerable controversy in Israel and within the Jewish community here. He suggested in an interview that "another country" – apparently Israel – had overcharged Iran for weapons and then knowingly put the profits into bank accounts for the Contras.

The Israeli Government had hotly denied this, with the spokesman saying he did not know what "other country" President Reagan meant. He said the funds did not pass through Israel and Israel had no knowledge that any funds might be going to the Contras.

Rabbi Alexander Schindler, President of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, said he was shocked and dismayed.

Chirac calls for defence charter

From Diana Geddes
Paris

M Jacques Chirac, the French Prime Minister, called yesterday for a "Western European charter of security principles" to reinforce European co-operation on defence, and to give a new boost to the still ailing Western European Union (WEU), the only European organization with competence in defence matters.

In a speech to the WEU assembly in Paris, attended by parliamentary representatives from the organization's seven member nations – Britain, France, West Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Belgium and Luxembourg – M Chirac admitted that the attempt to relaunch the WEU in 1984 had not been entirely successful and suggested that the time had come to breathe into it "the political breath of life it still lacks".

He said that all too often Western Europe appeared to be at the mercy of forces beyond its control. France was determined to contribute to the emergence of a common European conscience on defence matters.

Recent events had demonstrated a pressing need for greater European co-operation on defence: the disturbance preceding the deployment of US missiles in Europe, the debates surrounding the US Star Wars initiative, and the hopes and anxieties aroused by the Reykjavik summit.

A strong, united Europe was "a guarantee of vitality for the alliance and the basis for a healthy, balanced relationship between the two sides of the Atlantic", M Chirac argued.

The alliance was not so much threatened by risks of division, "but rather by the feeling, whether justified or not, that decisions vital to the security of Europe could be taken without Europe really having any say in the matter".

The "essential principles" outlined by M Chirac for inclusion in a future Western European security charter centred on the premise that "nuclear deterrence remains the only effective way of preventing war in Europe; there is no alternative to it in the foreseeable future".

"The threat which hangs over Western Europe must be considered as a whole: nuclear arms of all ranges, imbalance of conventional and chemical weapons. Dissuasive capabilities and disarmament efforts must be defined in relation to this overall threat.

"Deterrence in Europe requires a strategic linkage between the two sides of the Atlantic. This in turn requires the presence of American conventional and nuclear forces on our continent.

"Maintaining the defence effort of the European states on a level in keeping with the threat is a necessity . . . the contribution of the independent French and British nuclear forces is an essential factor. The aim of disarmament must be to increase security."

The arms debate

Moscow threat to end moratorium on nuclear testing

Moscow (Reuter) – Senior Soviet officials yesterday accused Washington of stalling in talks on nuclear weapons testing and indicated that Moscow might resume its own tests, suspended for almost 18 months, in the New Year.

Mr Yuly Vorontsov, First Deputy Foreign Minister, said a decision on whether to end the Soviet moratorium on underground tests depended on "the behaviour of the American Administration between now and the end of the year".

Professor Andranik Petrosyants said the US delegation at Geneva, where he heads the Moscow team in negotiations on testing, was using "all sorts of pretexts" to avoid concrete discussions on preparing a total test ban treaty.

Mr Vorontsov said Washington had staged 23 tests, some of them unannounced, since August 1985 when Moscow first declared a moratorium, which it has since extended four times.

"It is well established that the latest series of tests is intended to produce a third generation of nuclear weaponry, and has nothing to do with maintaining present weapons in a state of readiness as the US claims," he said.

"It is quite obvious the American Administration is engaged in a clear effort to establish military superiority over the Soviet Union, through the tests and the Strategic Defence Initiative programme."

Mr Gorbachov, the Soviet leader, who has put his personal authority behind the drive for a total test ban, said in August that he was extending the moratorium until January 1.

● GENEVA: The Moscow intimation that the unilateral Soviet moratorium on nuclear testing may not be extended into 1987 follows three rounds of bilateral talks here between the Americans and Russians (Alan McGregor writes).

According to Tass, Mr Vorontsov said in Moscow yesterday that at the third 12-day round which was completed here last week, the US side even rejected inclusion of the word "ending" in association with testing.

Kinnock accuses US of 'bad faith'

From Robin Oakley, New York

Mr Neil Kinnock claimed last night that President Reagan's promise to Mrs Thatcher that Britain could continue to purchase the Trident missile system as a replacement for Polaris would never be implemented.

His accusation of bad faith on the part of the President came in a speech in Boston, his first major attempt to win American acquiesence in Labour's unilateralist strategy involving the banning of all US nuclear weapons.

He described the President's pledge to Mrs Thatcher when she flew to Washington after the Reykjavik summit as "an undertaking of sorts, a tribute to the communiqué drafter's art".

He said Mrs Thatcher was "one of the few people in the world who believes that an American president who was securing 50 per cent cuts in strategic ballistic missiles in the next five years would meanwhile placidly allow the UK to increase its strategic ballistic system by 800 per cent".

In his speech at the Kennedy School of Government Mr Kinnock:

● Accused Mrs Thatcher of trying to impede the reduction or elimination of nuclear weapons.

● Claimed that Nato's strategy rested upon "untenable assumptions" and called for a commitment to no first use of nuclear weapons.

● Insisted that the British Government's determination to buy Trident to stay in the "nuclear club" would seriously weaken our conventional forces.

● Emphasized Labour's commitment to Nato and willingness to share its burden, saying that 5 per cent of Britain's gross domestic product would continue to be spent on defence, 95 per cent of it for Nato purposes.

● Demanded a new role for America's F111 aircraft based on Lakenheath and Upper Heyford.

● Promised to discuss "the process of implementation" of Labour's policies fully with Nato allies, and

● Criticized Mr Mikhail Gorbachov for being obstructionist in seeking to link progress on arms control with American abandonment of the Star Wars programme.

Mr Kinnock said Nato's flexible response strategy was a strategy of limited nuclear war and labelled it a "lethally dangerous" fantasy which could not be implemented without destroying our own side.

He said: "Whatever may be claimed for them in terms of balance, deterrents and security, nuclear weapons cannot be used to defend Britain."

He said it was a "delusion" that Britain was a world power and that it should have the "adornments of that status" in the form of nuclear weapons.

To argue that British nuclear weapons were needed for first use to trigger American use of nuclear forces was a peculiar attitude to the special relationship.

Mr Kinnock claimed the Conservative Government's "nuclear fixation" with buying Trident would result in 30 per cent spending cuts hitting all three services.

The Navy would lose at least three frigates or destroyers, the average life of key ships would be stretched from 18 to 22 years and conventional submarines were likely to be reduced from 13 to eight.

The RAF would be hit because the development contract for the European fighter aircraft had not been signed and plans to purchase 250 of them had not been confirmed. The Army would be smaller and less well-trained, being denied a terminally guided anti-tank rocket, a scatterable mine rocket and a battlefield electronic warfare system.

Mr Kinnock emphasized that Labour would boost its conventional forces contribution to Nato. It was better to do that job properly than two jobs badly.

He said the full extent of Labour's ban on US nuclear weapons would be the closing of cruise missile sites at Greenham Common and Molesworth, the Poseidon submarine facilities at Holy Loch and a change to a non-nuclear role for the F111 aircraft. "The rest of the US facilities will remain" – including all communication and intelligence stations.

He said cruise missiles had been installed for political, not military reasons. The Holy Loch base would soon be obsolete and would breach Salt 2 provisions by 1990 and the danger of the dual role for the F111s was that at present the Soviet Union could never be certain that an F111 mission was not a nuclear attack.

In response to implied American threats that all US troops would be withdrawn from Britain if denied the protection of the nuclear umbrella, Mr Kinnock claimed that the changes "will not diminish the protection afforded to US service personnel in Europe", arguing that nuclear weapons cannot give cover to troops who would be destroyed by their use.

● Iran interview: Mr Kinnock, in an NBC television interview, condemned the US Administration's apparent involvement in the Iran arms deal.

Assassins kill Akrotiri mortar attack detective

From Our Own Correspondent, Limassol

A Cypriot police officer involved in the investigation of the mortar attack on the British base at Akrotiri last summer has been the victim of a professional assassination in Limassol.

The killing of Mr Pandelis Phydas, who was until recently head of the CID in the southern Cypriot port, was carried out by gunmen in two Mercedes cars who sprayed him with automatic fire when he returned to his home from work in the north of the city on Monday.

Up to 100 detectives were yesterday called to the old British police barracks in the centre of Limassol to investigate the murder, the first killing of a senior Cypriot policeman since the island gained independence from Britain in 1960.

Many of the officers evinced ignorance as to the motives for the murder but one said several Arabs were believed to have been involved. A group claiming to be pro-Libyan said it carried out the Akrotiri attack.

Greek Cypriot newspapers suggested yesterday that Mr Phydas may have made enemies among the drug dealers and brothel keepers of Limassol because of an anti-narcotics campaign which he had enthusiastically endorsed.

It was also the Limassol police force which seized weapons from a container at the port last month.

Israeli in 1981 'arms deal'

By Nicholas Beeston

An Iranian opposition group yesterday released documents which it claimed proved that an Israeli arms dealer negotiated a secret $136 million (£94.6 million) arms deal with Iran as early as 1981.

Copies of the documents, which were given to *The Times* by The People's Mujahidin Organization of Iran, show that Mr Jacob Nimordi, an Israeli arms dealer who is a key figure in the current White House crisis, also shipped missiles and ammunition to Iran in the summer of 1981.

The documents, which include a letter from Mr Nimrodi to the Ministry of Defence in Iran, secret internal Iranian memos and the arms contract, were apparently smuggled out of Iran by the group's agents.

The documents are impossible to verify independently.

Conspiracy case close to collapse

From Christopher Thomas, New York

The United States Attorney in Manhattan was yesterday granted a 10-day court delay in order to "reassess" the trial of 17 men accused of conspiring to send $2 billion (£1.4 billion) in arms to Iran.

In an implied reference to White House involvement in similar arms sales, Ms Lorna Schofield, the assistant US Attorney said: "We are attempting to review the entire situation in the light of recent disclosures." Clearly the case is in imminent danger of collapse.

Defence lawyers said the move could mean that government prosecutors would ask for dismissal of all or some of the charges. It is now clear that at the time the US Customs Service mounted the prosecutions last April, it was unaware that the Reagan Administration was secretly shipping arms to Iran.

Judge Leonard Sand of the Federal Court, who sits in the southern district of New York, expressed concern about reports that key documents relating to government arms sales to Iran had been shredded by Administration officials. Clearly the judge was making a connection between the "pilot" plot to sell arms to Iran and the Administration's own secret operation.

He issued an order stating: "No person employed by the US Government, regardless of agency or capacity, is to destroy, conceal or alter any document which relates to the shipment of arms to Iran, either directly from the United States or from any other country."

The judge noted that one defence lawyer had suggested that Israel might be involved in the case. Judge Sand said he wanted to know what documents accompanied the arms shipments and whether they reflected destinations other than Iran.

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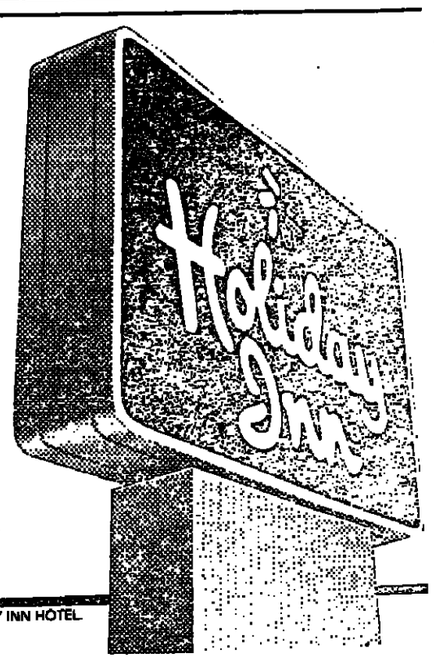

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Hindu gangs take to Delhi streets in vengeance for massacre

From Our Own Correspondent, Delhi

Mob violence shook the Indian capital yesterday as angry Hindu gangs tried to exact vengeance for the bus massacre of 24 Hindus by Sikh terrorists at the weekend.

Police action saved the situation from getting out of hand and last night the Army was put on alert. Tear gas, baton charges and shots fired in the air were needed to quell the riots.

Mr Ved Marwah, the Delhi police chief, said that six policemen, including an assistant commissioner, were injured by stone-throwing mobs. Witnesses put the figure nearer to 30. More than 800 people were reported to have been arrested.

One of the worst incidents took place outside the 300-year-old Sikh temple, Sisganj, in the historic Chandni Chowk, which is usually thronged with tourists at this time of year. A 1,000-strong mob threw stones at the building until the Sikhs inside swarmed out waving swords, knives and spears.

Police cleared the area but the Hindu gangs played hide-and-seek with police in the narrow streets of Old Delhi, throwing stones and then melting away.

The Government arrested more than 80 people in the Punjab, including two prominent politicians. Mr Prakash Singh Badal, the leader of a breakaway faction of the ruling Akali Dal Party, and Mr Gurcharan Singh Tohra, one of his supporters, who was elected head of the principal temple management committee of the Golden Temple of Amritsar on Sunday.

Defending the decision to arrest the two, who will immediately become martyrs with the militant Sikhs, Mr Buta Singh, the Home Minister in the central Government, told Parliament that they and others had been arrested and detained under the National Security Act because of their "cynical optimism" that they could gain power by blending terrorism with religious sentiments.

The Punjab Chief Minister, Mr Surjit Singh Barnala, has introduced a series of measures aimed at strengthening his government's response to the terrorists. Four armed guards will be posted on all buses at night and rewards of 100,000 rupees (£5,000) will be given for information about terrorists and their plans.

He has dismissed two Cabinet ministers for supporting Mr Tohra in the temple elections. He said the arrested politicians had been openly supporting the terrorist element and that so far his own moderation and patience had been taken by some as a sign of weakness.

He said a many-pronged attack on terrorism would unfold over the next few days and pointed out that the perpetrators of the last bus massacre, in July, have been caught. He promised the same fate for those responsible for Sunday's killings.

The terrorists continued their bloody activities during the past 48 hours, killing another 10 people in isolated incidents in the state, where the principal Hindu organization has threatened a campaign of non-co-operation unless Mr Surjit Singh's Government is sacked and control is given to the Army.

Feeling desperately insecure, The Hindus are planning to begin their campaign on January 1 by blocking the offices where sales tax is paid.

Yesterday's riots took place during a general strike called by the Bharatiya Janata Party, which is generally supported by the Hindu chauvinists. Organizers said the strike was a total success.

There were no buses on the roads after the Delhi Transport Commission decided not to risk further bus burnings.

Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Prime Minister, last night reviewed the Punjab situation with his Home Minister, Mr Buta Singh, and the Minister of State, Mr P. Chidambaram. The political affairs commitee of the Cabinet has met twice during the past three days to evolve new measures against the terrorists.

The Prime Minister's Office said last night that Mr Rajiv Gandhi has reaffirmed his commitment to implement the Punjab accord, and to help the state's crippled economy back on the rails.

Sword in hand, a Sikh militant chants nationalist slogans in Delhi during yesterday's riots.

Fraga plea after resignation

From Richard Wigg, Madrid

Señor Manuel Fraga, the Spanish Opposition leader, pleaded with thousands of his fervent supporters who gathered yesterday in a central Madrid street to understand his "supreme sacrifice" in deciding to resign from leading the right wing party because of election defeats.

He addressed the crowd from a balcony at party headquarters as the national executive of his Popular Alliance began a crisis meeting.

Señor Fraga read them a letter of resignation which he said was "irrevocable".

"Do not go; if Fraga goes, we all go too," the crowds chorused, adding: "Without Fraga we will not vote."

Señor Fraga, aged 64, a veteran politician and a major figure on the Right throughout *Spain's transition to democracy*, had already informed King Juan Carlos of his decision.

Two of his deputies as party chief, including Señor Gerardo Fernández, the Chief Minister of Galicia, who took part in the National Executive crisis meeting last night, said they would be seeking to persuade Señor Fraga to change his mind.

The immediate reason behind Señor Fraga's decision,

Señor Fraga: resignation is "irrevocable".

coming after months of trouble within his party, was the Popular Alliance's disastrous performance in the Basque general election on Sunday.

Señor Fraga had campaigned with his typical vigour but his party won only two seats in the Basque parliament.

Behind his personal reaction lay months of rows and expulsions of other party leaders, debt problems with Spain's influential private banks after over-spending, and the complete failure of Señor Fraga's "master plan" to dislodge the Socialists from power at Spain's general election in June.

The anguish of party members at Señor Fraga's announcement could also be explained by the evident risk *that the Spanish Right, in its present low state, could disintegrate entirely if such a "father figure" departs.*

Russians prepare a shuttle

From Mohsin Ali
Washington

The Soviet Union has completed the first tests on its space shuttle on the launch pad at Tyuratam, the authoritative US magazine *Aviation Week and Space Technology* reported yesterday.

It said US reconnaissance satellite pictures showed the Soviet orbiter mounted piggy-back on its heavy expendable launch vehicle while undergoing checks.

The Soviet orbiter was removed from the launch pad after the tests, it said.

American intelligence officials think Moscow will attempt the first launch of the expendable booster next year – unmanned but with its piggy-back cargo pod.

The first Soviet-manned launch is expected in 1988 at about the same time the US shuttle returns to flight.

● **BORDEAUX:** The European Ariane rocket programme, suspended on May 30 after a rocket crashed soon after lift-off, will resume satellite launches in March 1987 or thereabouts, M Frederic d'Allest, the Arianespace president, said yesterday.

Chorus of criticism

Pressure mounts on Haitian ruler

From Alan Tomlinson, Port-au-Prince

The provisional government of General Henri Namphy, the armed forces chief, is under increasing pressure to step down amid persistent popular unrest and instability in an army poorly prepared to deal with it.

Political parties, unions, civic groups and radical Catholic priests are leading a rising chorus of criticism of the caretaker regime which has pledged to stay on until general elections in a year.

They accuse the ruling Council of National Government (CNG) of incompetent leadership, failure to reform a corrupt and inefficient administrative system and reluctance to purge former associates of ousted President "Baby Doc" Duvalier from army and public life.

The Government recently survived a general strike, a reported coup plot and a boycott of elections for a constituent assembly – dramatically underlining a loss of public faith in its ability to guide the Caribbean island nation to democracy after 29 years of dictatorship.

But the strongest challenge to General Namphy's authority may yet be in store. People in the rebellious northern sea port of Gonaïves, which led the uprising that toppled President Duvalier in February, are threatening to declare an alternative government later this week and to block the main northern highway, effectively cutting the country in two.

The United States is backing the general with $109 million (£76 million) in economic aid, plus $4 million in non-lethal hardware for a 7,000-man army and police force which US officials concede does not have the experience, training or equipment to deal with disorder. The army was subjugated during three decades of Duvalier rule to the dynasty's brutal private security force, the now-disbanded Tonton Macoutes.

President Reagan recently underlined his support for General Namphy by inviting him to the White House, but on the eve of the general's departure on November 19, troops and armoured cars surrounded the presidential palace following the discovery of an apparent coup attempt.

Haitian newspapers have since carried reports of an apparent uprising by discontented junior officers. In an apparent attempt to pacify rebellion in his ranks, General Namphy is reported to have transferred the conspirators to provincial posts rather than court martial them. US officials would not confirm or deny a coup attempt, admitting only that "there has been a lot of turmoil in the army".

The turmoil coincided with continuing civil unrest. While General Namphy was in the US, Haiti was paralysed by a week-long general strike led by the country's estimated 5,000 transport workers

In a speech in the US, General Namphy dismissed the unrest as evidence of "the vitality of our infant democracy". He added in an interview: "It is only normal that we should go through a stormy period at first."

Gunmen kill leading blacks

From Michael Hornsby
Johannesburg

A prominent black political activist and medical doctor, Dr Fabian Ribeiro, and his wife, were killed by unknown gunmen in their home in Mamelodi, a black township near Pretoria, on Monday evening, it was learnt here yesterday.

Johannesburg's evening newspaper, *The Star*, reported that neighbours of the Ribeiros claimed to have seen two masked white men at the scene of the shooting.

The neighbours reportedly tried to follow the two assailants who, they said, fled in two cars, a jeep and a white Datsun Skyline. The gunmen fired on their pursuers, and then switched cars at a petrol station and made for Pretoria.

The government's Bureau for Information maintained, however, that "two black persons fired about seven shots at Dr and Mrs F. D. Ribeiro, fatally wounding both" with a .45 calibre weapon.

According to the bureau, Mrs Ribeiro was the sister of the late Mr Robert Sobukwe, former leader of the Pan Africanist Congress (PAC), which broke away from the African National Congress (ANC) in 1959. Other reports said she was Mr Sobukwe's sister-in-law.

The bureau's account left the impression that the killing was another example of internecine warfare between different black factions. But Dr Ribeiro was a respected elder statesman of the black resistance movement, with good relations with all groups.

Earlier this year, Dr Ribeiro's Mamelodi home was petrol-bombed, and he said that he believed government agents were responsible.

"I found a police vehicle parked outside my house. I rushed to the van and told them that my house was on fire, and they would not respond or move an inch."

Dr Ribeiro was detained for a time during the state of emergency.

Meanwhile, officials of the Metal and Allied Workers' Union (MAWU) said that soldiers and government officials yesterday visited the black township outside Brits, west of Pretoria, where 10,000 people are threatened with forced resettlement.

"They went from house to house checking how many people were in them and taking their names," said Mr Jacob Magakwe, a MAWU organizer.

The 50-year-old township, known as Oukasie (an abbreviation of the Afrikaans for "Old Location") was "abolished" by government decree on October 17, and its remaining 10,000 inhabitants became illegal squatters.

Pretoria intends to move them to a new site some 15 miles away, where 5,000 former residents of Oukasie, which abuts a white suburb of Brits, agreed to settle at the end of last year. The remainder, however, wish to stay and signed affidavits to that effect at the end of last month.

Juror tells court of bribe

Ottawa – The Montreal trial of four Hell's Angels bikers charged with a multiple murder has been stunned by the revelation that one of 12 jurors accepted a CanS25,000 (£12,500) bribe to bring about an acquittal or a hung jury (John Best writes).

Mr Justice Jean-Guy Boilard of Quebec Superior Court dismissed the unidentified juror after receiving a note from him reading: "I have been bought – Hell's Angels juror No 8."

The judge rejected vehement demands by two defence lawyers for a mistrial. The four are charged with killing five other bikers in 1985.

Woman's body found in wood

Athens – Police on the island of Rhodes are "99 per cent sure" they have found the body of 73-year-old Mrs Mary Lee Cooper, from Leeds, who vanished during a holiday with her family and friends two months ago (A Correspondent writes).

The body was discovered by chance about half a mile into a pine forest near the village of Lardhos. Relatives said Mrs Cooper had suffered from amnesia.

Ivory ban

Dar es Salaam (AFP) – The Tanzanian Government withdrew all ivory trading licences yesterday and banned the sale and export of big-game trophies in a new bid to save the country's dwindling game.

New friends

Peking (Reuter) – President de la Madrid of Mexico arrives in China tomorrow for a one-week official visit aimed at consolidating political relations and improving trade links.

Birds hazard

Angelholm (Reuter) – A collision with birds probably caused the crash of a Swedish-built fighter plane last month in which the Austrian pilot was killed.

Coal plans

Antaibao, China (Reuter) – Mr Armand Hammer, chairman of the Occidental Petroleum Corporation, announced plans to triple the output of China's largest coal mine, partly owned by his company, from 15 to 45 million tonnes.

20-year coma

Johannesburg (AFP) – Mrs Everlie Blerk-Warren, a South African woman who went into a coma while giving birth to her first child in 1967, has died without ever regaining consciousness or being aware of her son, now aged 19.

Two held

Manila – (Reuter) – A government panel investigating the murder of the left-wing union leader Mr Rolando Olalia and his driver, has ordered the detention of a soldier and a civilian suspected of involvement.

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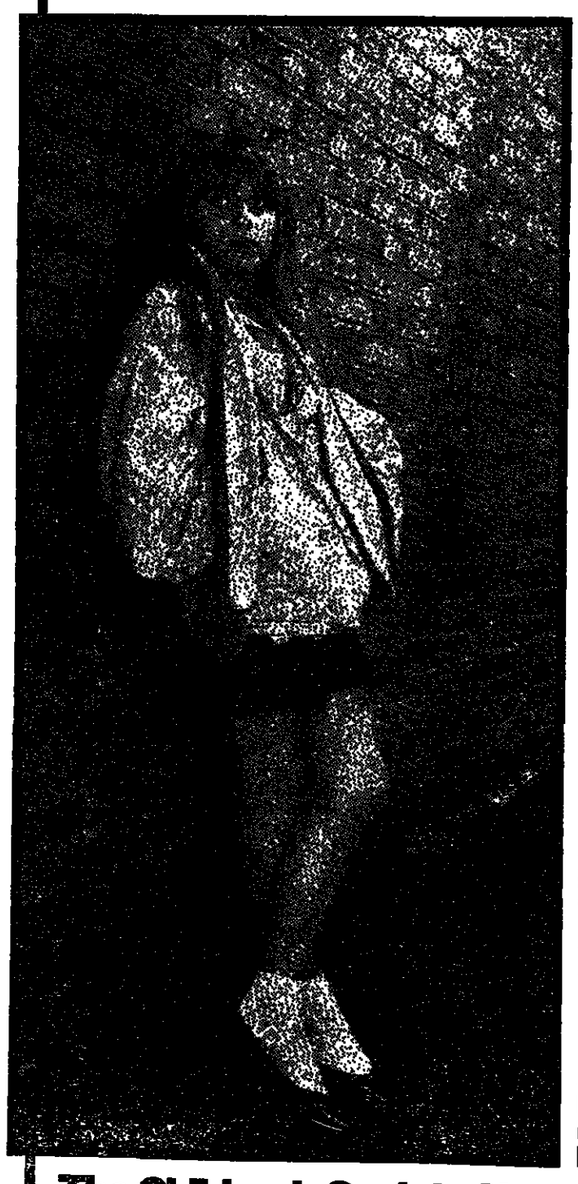

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Elvis was drug spy for Nixon

From Mohsin Ali
Washington

The White House sent Elvis Presley a special badge after he had told Presient Nixon at a 1970 meeting that the Beatles had been a real force for anti-American spirit.

The rock singer had earlier written to Mr Nixon offering his services as an anti-drug agent and saying: "I can and will do more good if I were made a federal agent at large."

Presley was later sent the badge with his name engraved on it, designating him an honorary anti-drug agent. Mr Nixon told him that drug users were also in the vanguard of anti-American protests.

The presidential dealing with Presley was revealed in the latest batch of Nixon papers released to the public on Monday.

They also include a memorandum by a current White House aide urging Mr Nixon not to visit Dr Martin Luther King's widow on the first anniversary of her husband's assassination.

President Nixon had mainly sought to keep secret the papers, which include about 1.5 million pages of Administration documents. They disclose that the White House was caught off-guard by the public outcry against an effort to deport the late Beatle, John Lennon.

Senator Strom Thurmond, a South Carolina Republican, appears to have been instramental in pressing the case against Lennon, who opposed the US war effort in Vietnam. In a memorandum to the White House, he said a series of concerts by Lennon "will pour tremendous amounts of cash in the coffers of the New Left".

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MI5 case: Judge orders papers disclosed

Whitehall ponders secrets appeal

From Stephen Taylor
Sydney

Whitehall has until tomorrow to decide its response to an order that it make available secret papers to Mr Peter Wright and his lawyers in the MI5 book hearing.

The British Government's reluctance to give up the papers has been a consistent feature of the case, now in its third week, and it would come as no surprise if it decides to seek leave to appeal against yesterday's disclosure ruling by Mr Justice Powell.

The judge, who last week won his own demand to see the papers, yesterday overruled Whitehall's claim that they were so secret as to be exempt from usual considerations of public interest.

He produced a schedule of the papers which he indicated had been edited in a way intended to protect British security interests and, at the same time, to provide information sought by Mr Wright's lawyers on why the Government did not try to restrain other controversial books on security service operations.

Even the schedule remains secret and was said by British officials here to have been transmitted in code to Whitehall for consideration.

Compliance with the order could see the hearing ended early next week. That would raise the prospect of a ruling on the application for an injunction to suppress publication of Mr Wright's book by the end of the year. But an appeal could prolong the case significantly.

In the first instance, Whitehall would ask the Court of Appeal for leave to appeal against Mr Justice Powell's order. Such leave is not granted automatically by the three appeal court judges, and the British side has already been turned down once before over the papers.

Mr Justice Powell said in his ruling yesterday that although some of the papers were highly confidential, others could not be said to be covered by the immunity claim, and it was edited versions of these that he sought to make available to the defence.

If the Appeal Court did grant leave, it would probably need some days to examine the papers and evaluate them before giving a ruling.

If, again, leave was rejected, there is one last avenue of appeal open to the Government, and that is the High Court in Canberra.

For the first time, Mr Justice Powell suggested yesterday that a compromise in the 14-month-old wrangle was a possibility when he said that if he accepted Whitehall's "fall-back position" he might "have to undertake a blue-pencil exercise".

He did not expand on this remark, and the hint at a possible sanitized version of the Wright manuscript was dismissed by Sir Robert Armstrong, the Cabinet Secretary.

Sir Robert said in cross-examination yesterday that the objection to the manuscript remained unchanged.

The only other witness yesterday was Mr William Schaap, a lawyer and publisher who was called on Mr Wright's behalf, and who has published books by former members of the United States security services.

He described the functions of the CIA manuscript review panel, and said Sir Robert's evidence that the CIA, as a friendly intelligence agency, would be concerned by the publication of Mr Wright's book was "untenable".

Mr Schaap said: "The CIA on its own has approved the publication of books at least as intriguing as the (Wright) book, and with considerable, indeed voluminous, details about personnel, operations, technology and all aspects of intelligence work."

Mr William Schaap, the American publisher and CIA expert, arriving at the Supreme Court in Sydney yesterday.

Bhopal gas tragedy claims more victims two years on

From Michael Hamlyn, Bhopal

When Babu Khan, aged 61, a bookbinder, died yesterday in the new Jawaharlal Nehru Hospital, his family said he was merely the latest victim of the Bhopal gas tragedy.

So far 2,352 people are certified by the State Government to have died from the effects of the gas. The number keeps increasing as more and more cases are investigated and as people like Babu Khan die.

Today marks the second anniversary of the day the deadly methyl isocyanate (MIC) gas seeped from the pesticide manufacturing plant, owned by the Union Carbide Corporation, over the sleeping town.

The police superintendent forecasts that the demonstrations, processions and public

> Now people think that something is going on

disturbances will be a good deal less than last year, and a citizen hearing him explains: "People are getting better, and now the case is being heard people think that something is going on, the Government is fighting for them."

Though the case has indeed started, and though some left-wingers are forecasting a shameful settlement will be made shortly, the organizations looking after the gas victims are not in the best shape. Doctors and voluntary organizations are quarrelling among themselves and both of them are falling out with the Government.

The doctors are at loggerheads over the results of post mortems on people who have died since the tragedy. Those responsible for treating the victims say the results are being kept secret by the forensic science department, headed by Dr Hiresh Chandra, because of its evidential possibilities in the case.

"If we had more information it could increase our ability to heal," insisted Dr N R Bhandari, the superintendent of the Hamidia Hospital, the city's biggest medical institution, but he says that he can only give his findings in the court.

Among the volunteer groups, feelings are even more bitter. Those which received funds from Union Carbide are accused by the more revolutionary organizations of being stooges and of collecting data only to prove the effects of the MIC gas are minimal, and that the real villain is malnutrition.

Even the organization that provided funds for Mr David Bergman, the Briton later arrested and accused of offences under the Secrets Act, was accused of this kind of heresy when two of its members called for a programme of milk distribution.

Mr Bergman, who has been given until the end of the month to leave India, is a symbol of the ill feelings between the state authorities and the volunteer organizations. "Mr Bergman was not doing anything worthwhile among the people," said Mr Satyanand Mishra, the state's publicity director. "He was only collecting some kids in a decrepit store house and teaching them to paint.

Said the police superintendent: "He was found in possession of classified material."

A paper on the effect of MIC on plants, animals and fishes, which is obtainable by writing to the Indian Centre for Agricultural Research, scoffed at Mr Arvind Rajagopal, of the Bhopal Gas Information and Action Centre, which helped Mr Bergman, and which has itself been accused of reformism by the most vehement of the groups.

The latter organization, the Zabreeli Gas Khand Sangarsh Morcha – Poison Gas Tragedy Struggle Front – has assembled a list of demands which will be pressed during today's demonstrations.

The Morcha organizers urge that better treatment for the gas affected could be discovered if only more detailed and more regular investigations of the victims was provided.

They call for permanent employment for those whose ability to work has been diminished by their failing lungs, and for adequate compensation without delay for their suffering. They also seek punishment for Union Carbide and a ban on all Carbide-sponsored clinics.

Despite the quarrelling, the actual medical attention received by the people of Bhopal has improved dramatically over the past two years. It will clearly not be long before – at least in terms of equipment – the city's hospital will be the finest in the country.

Dr Bhandari's own hospital is installing, for example, a six-unit central station monitoring unit in the paediatric ward, incubators are being brought in for better care of new-born infants, spirometers each worth 600,000 rupees (£32,000) are being imported to test lungs.

But all the medical equipment in the world will not help Babu Khan. Nor does it appear to be helping such as Israr Ahmed, a gas victim, aged 38, looking 10 years older whose lungs were seared by the gas, and who has been in and out of hospital ever since.

He was a cobbler but has been unable to work. His family lived on his 25 or 30 rupees a day but now have to depend on the five or 10 rupees Farida, his wife, gets from sewing, and on what his father-in-law can spare.

There are other victims too. Not many people can feel sorry for Mr Jaganath Mukund, the Union Carbide plant

> We live with the consequences every day

manager, who is still subject to investigation by the Indian police, and over whose head criminal charges still hang. He sits behind the barbed wire defences of the plant, clearing his desk for his transfer to the Bombay office.

He seems unlikely to find other work to do even there, except in connection with the legal proceedings, and he is probably unemployable elsewhere.

While his employer, who was far away in America, was burned in effigy last year, Mr Mukund's effigy was buried.

"No," he says, "it doesn't seem like a bad dream. We are living with the consequences every day."

Poles seek damages after spill

From Roger Boyes
Warsaw

Poland will ask Czechoslovakia for compensation for the damage inflicted by an oil slick which leaked into the Oder River last month, a Government spokesman said yesterday.

There is no concealing the friction between the two Soviet allies since the fuel oil seeped from a concrete factory in Ostrava, on the Czech side of the frontier.

The Polish Goverment spokesman, Mr Jerzy Urban, was unable to explain the discrepancy between the Czech version – that only about 40 tonnes of oil entered the Oder – and the Polish experience. Hundreds of emergency workers have dredged some 100 tonnes of the slick from the surface of the river and the Polish estimate of the pollution is close to 200 tonnes.

The Poles are concerned that the fuel oil could have entered the food cycle – though so far this seems to have been avoided – and have not blocked the publication of articles criticizing Prague.

The main complaint is about late and inadequate information provided by the Czechs to the Polish Consul in Ostrava

Kung fu and yellow dresses in run-up to Taiwan poll

From Robert Grieves
Taipei

During the campaign run-up to Taiwan's legislative elections on Saturday, Taipei has been treated to public rallies in support of the kung fu candidate, the jogging candidate and half-a-dozen candidates wearing yellow dresses whose sole qualification for office appears to be their close resemblance to President Aquino of the Philippines.

Forty-four opposition candidates are campaigning for a total of 157 seats in the Legislative Yuan, Taiwan's parliament, and in the National Assembly, which elects a president every six years.

This past October, the Kuomintang's central standing committee adopted a resolution that would lift Taiwan's 37-year-old martial law and replace it with national security and election laws.

Under the election law, which is expected to be passed early next year, the creation of political parties would be legal. Until then, however, parties such as the Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) which was formed in September, are officially banned, although the Kuomintang has not yet moved to suppress it and the party is fielding candidates in this election.

Mr Hsu Hsin-liang, the Taiwanese political dissident who failed to return to Taiwan on Sunday from his self-imposed exile in the US, was forced to return to Manila after landing in Taipei yesterday (Robert Grieves writes from Taipei).

Mr Hsu landed at Chiang Kai-shek airport on a Philippine Airlines flight. Taiwanese authorities stopped the aircraft on the runway apron and then checked visas. After finding that Mr Hsu's visa was not in order they returned him to Manila.

● MANILA: Mr Hsu was last night at Manila International Airport unable to enter the Philippines since he was carrying only an expired Taiwanese passport and an American travel document (David Watts writes). He planned to take a flight back to Tokyo today.

The campaigning, which began on November 21, has been divided into phases. In the first week, individual candidates were allowed to campaign wherever and as often as they liked. In the second week, both Kuomintang and opposition candidates have appeared together in a series of four-hour-long rallies at schools and other public areas.

At an outdoor rally in a small Taipei park last week, Mr Hsieh Chang-ting, aged 40, one of the most dynamic candidates of the fledgling DPP, addressed a crowd of more than 1,000 people at noon. The appearance was one of four that Mr Hsieh, a lawyer and city councillor, was scheduled to make that day.

"Ten years ago, Taiwanese believed that President Chiang Ching-kuo was our future," said Mr Hsieh. "Now, I say, Taiwan's future depends on Taiwanese."

Across the town at a rally of another DPP candidate whose husband is in jail on political charges, two folk singers attracted a large crowd to an urban park, where platforms, speakers and microphones had been set up.

There on sale among other pamphlets and leaflets were reprints of *Time* magazine's 1985 Man of the Year issue which featured Mr Deng Xiaoping, the senior leader of the People's Republic of China, as well as copies of the *Soong Dynasty*, a book that portrays the Kuomintang as corrupt and ruthless.

This week, the long rallies at which Kuomintang and opposition candidates speak for only 15 minutes each have been far more subdued than the so-called personal campaigns of last week.

Indonesia buys more Rapiers

Jakarta – Indonesia has signed a £40 million contract with British Aerospace for its third consecutive order of Rapier missiles (Our Own Correspondent writes).

Military sources said the Rapier system, chosen by the Indonesian Army in 1984 over the French Roland missile, gives Indonesia its most modern ground-to-air missile, replacing 10-year-old Swedish weapons

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The Indonesian Navy uses French Exocet missiles and earlier this year the armed forces signed a letter of intent to buy 12 American F 16 fighter planes.

MPs meet Papandreou over Cyprus

From A Correspondent, Athens

A six-member British parliamentary investigating team yesterday met Greece's Prime Minister, Mr Andreas Papandreou, as part of a fact-finding effort on the deadlocked Cyprus intercommunal talks.

The delegation, led by Sir Anthony Kershaw, Conservative MP for Stroud, was also briefed by Greece's Conservative opposition leader, Mr Constantine Mitsotakis, and members of the Greek Parliament before leaving for Nicosia.

Sir Anthony said his report would focus on Cyprus but would also address relations between Greece and Turkey.

Last May, the House of Commons commissioned the inquiry into the Cyprus question.

The delegation also includes Conservative MPs Robert Harvey, Jim Lester and Peter Thomas, and Labour MPs Dennis Canavan and Mick Welsh. Another Conservative MP, Mr Ivan Lawrence QC, will join the group in Nicosia.

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Catholic priests grow old in Chinese prisons

By Caroline Moorehead

PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE

Father Vincent Zhu Hongsheng has been 29 years in captivity. A Chinese Jesuit priest, he is being held in Shanghai prison and is not due for release until 1996 when he will be 82.

His crime is that of "carrying on intrigues with foreign countries", but friends are certain that he owes his continuing detention to a refusal to join the Government-controlled Catholic Patriotic Association.

Father Zhu is only one of seven Catholic priests, all aged between 65 and 79, in prison or labour camps in China for at least 20 years for continuing to carry out banned religious work.

Their stories are remarkably similar: first arrested in the 1950s, they were briefly released in the late 1970s, only to be detained again in the early 1980s. One, Father Francis Wang Chuhua, has tuberculosis and is almost blind.

Father Zhu: 29 years in jail with 10 more to serve.

Elsewhere in China, in Hebei province, 40 Catholics, including five elderly priests and nuns, are believed to have been arrested in September.

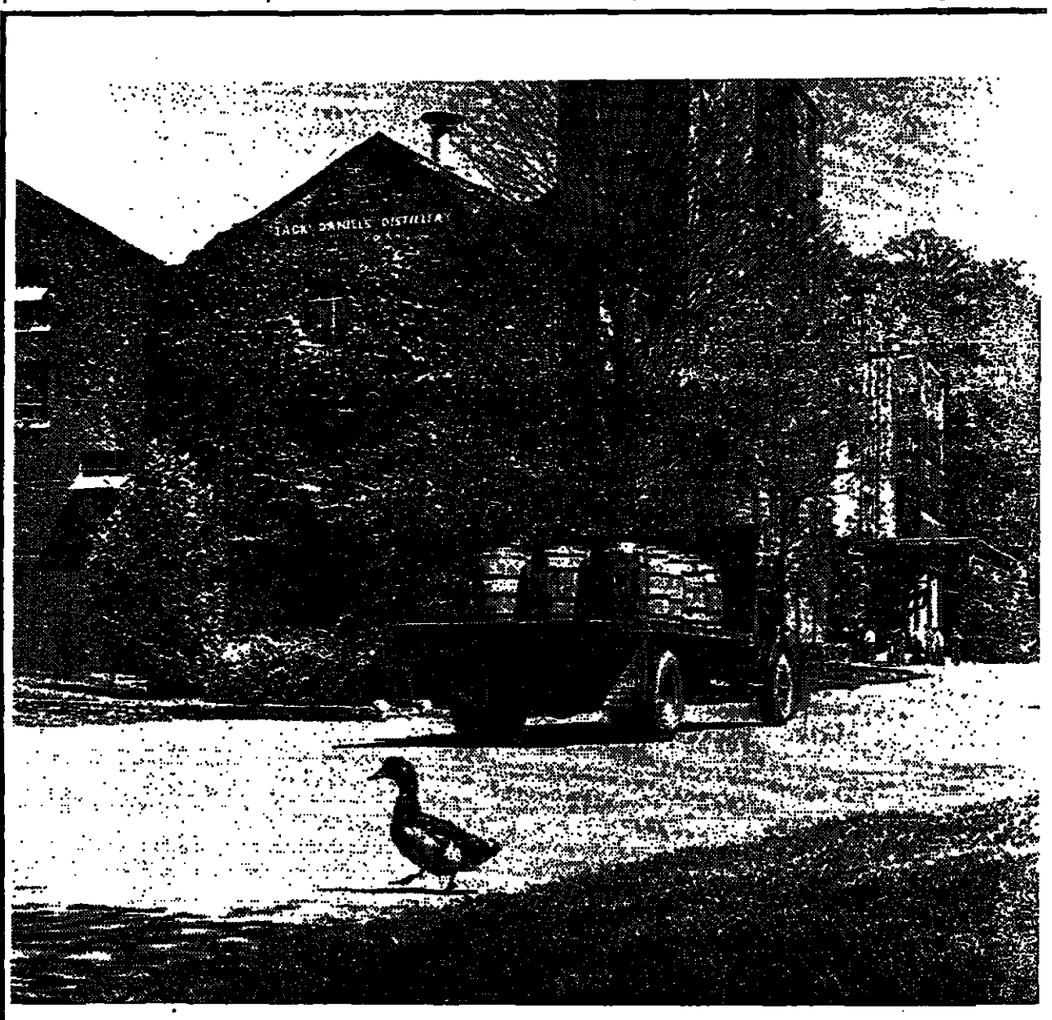
In various other parts of the world, Catholic priests and church workers are increasingly becoming victims of official persecution, whether as a result of having defied restrictions on their religious work or for having supported human rights campaigns.

● In Romania, Father Janos Csilik has been interrogated and tortured for refusing to collaborate with the secret police. Severe hand injuries have led to him being kept in hospital.

● In Chile, the Church's involvement in human rights has resulted in repeated persecutions of individual workers, who have been accused by the authorities of harbouring "terrorists" and of being "more communist than the communists".

This year the attacks on the Vicaria de la Solidaridad, a human rights group within the Church, have intensified. Mr Gustavo Villalobos, a lawyer, and Mr Ramiro Olivares, a doctor, have been arrested and charged with "assisting terrorists" after they had treated a man with bullet wounds.

● In Brazil, a 33-year-old Catholic priest, Father Josimo Morães Tavares, was shot in the back and died earlier this year, while pastoral workers, nuns and priests have received death threats. The Catholic workers had been investigating land disputes in their region.



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THE ARTS 1

Pithy comments for politicians

TELEVISION

In the final episode of *First Among Equals* (ITV) last night the ex-wife of one of Mr Jeffrey Archer's characters was told that her ex-husband might become Prime Minister. "So what? Screw him," she replied. Splendid woman, we thought. We must forgive her crudity, when she so pithily expresses what we think of this programme, as well as gauging the exact level of interest we feel in her ex-husband's political fortunes.

She was then, however, offered £100,000 to sell her story to the press. Interest became sharp, and she rushed to her ex-husband's drawing room to blackmail him. The ex-husband tried to beat her down to £50,000, but she held out for the full amount, meanwhile pouring herself a whisky. The ex-husband gave in. We, the viewers, would happily have settled for the smaller sum, or even the glass of whisky.

Wooden scenes in the House of Commons followed. We could tell from those bits one hears on the news that the background noise, for example, was nothing like the real thing. But some of us kept watching, because after a hard day's work, bad television programmes can be more relaxing than good ones. They need less digesting. And besides, how can one maintain a conversation the next day, if one is not familiar with the latest from the first among self-publicists?

"Can you imagine just being left on a platform?" a lady asked on *First Tuesday* (ITV). "Hard to imagine", she added after a pause. She cannot know *The Importance of Being Earnest*. Jack Worthing was found in a cloak-room at Victoria Station in the mid-19th century, whereas she was found on the platform at St John's Wood underground station in 1942, but their situations are in other respects similar. Cruel, you may say, to make such suffering into a joke. Crueller still to film it. Later, in this programme about abandoned babies, she was shown in tears. The voyeuristic delight which television producers take in filming private grief seems each year to grow more unashamed.

Andrew Gimson

Equal to all Europe could offer: Elihu Vedder's *Japanese Still Life* (1879)

GALLERIES

Modern times

John Russell Taylor on a reassembled exhibition, which woke America to modern art, and other New York shows

It may or may not have something to do with the centenary of the Statue of Liberty but there is no doubt that, in American museum circles at least, the 1880s are very "in" at the moment. They provide the keynote for a surprising number of major exhibitions in New York and elsewhere, and encourage a new look at the very foundations of the 20th century in American art. Or, one might say, the pedestal upon which modernism was eventually erected.

It emerges that the most important and influential exhibition of modern art in America before the Armory Show was the 1883 Pedestal Fund Art Loan Exhibition – the pedestal in question being, of course, the literal pedestal upon which in 1886 the Statue of Liberty was to be erected. **In Support of Liberty**, at the National Academy of Design, New York, until Sunday, reconstitutes this show as far as may be – more than half of the original 194 paintings have been reassembled – and gives us a vivid insight into advanced artistic taste at the time, as well as exactly how it was filtered through to the great American public.

The range and variety of the paintings selected by William Merritt Chase and J. Carroll Beckwith are astonishing – especially when you consider that the show took place only nine years after the first Impressionist group exhibition in Paris. Two of the major Impressionists, Manet and Degas, are included, but in general the show is stronger on contemporaries who were more widely admired at the time, like the Dutch Mauve and the Maris brothers, the Belgian Alfred Stevens (represented by his landscapes rather than his society scenes) and the Provençal proto-Expressionist Monticelli.

The impact these must have had can be realistically assessed when you consider that the *New York Times* critic queried: "Was it not a mistake to pass over such as Bouguereau and Cabanel, who are tremendously popular . . . and take so many examples of Millet, an artist for the select; of Courbet, a painter whose rough brush sends a cold chill down the average American's back . . . ?".

What was happening in America, as elsewhere, was that modern ideas were assailing in vain the battlements of contemporary academic taste while they successfully sneaked in by the Trojan Horse of design. The progress of American design in the 1880s, in particular through its relations with the Aesthetic Movement, is resplendently charted in the Metropolitan Museum's show **In Pursuit of Beauty** (until January 11).

It was in 1882 that Oscar Wilde made his sensational tour of America lecturing on Aesthetic ideals. But even before that the more advanced designers in the States were aware of what was happening in Britain: from Owen Jones's *Grammar of Ornament* (1856) on, the main British manuals and books of advice to the aesthetically ambitious like Eastlake's *Hints on Household Taste* ran through edition after edition, spreading the word about the possible styles of Gothic, Greek, Japanese or Queen Anne revival currently being explored and exploited in Europe. Walter Crane's toy-books and Kate Greenaway's children's picture-books were as well known in America as in Europe.

And American designers of furniture and interiors, American illustrators of books (or even humble advertising), and an army of those connected with the decorative arts, hastened to follow suit. Some of the furniture and domestic metalwork is, even to our accustomed eyes, ungainly and unappealing. But on the other hand some of the ceramics are amazingly forward-looking (well into the 20th century, indeed) and the paintings of such as Elihu Vedder, whose *Japanese Still-Life* of 1879 tells it all, readily stand comparison with anything Europe at the time had to offer.

When we come on to Louis Comfort Tiffany, there is no doubt that America takes the lead. And we need only remind ourselves that Bing, who created the original Art Nouveau store in Paris (at present being grandly paid tribute in a show in Richmond, Virginia, due at the Cooper-Hewitt next year), was the great proponent of American arts and crafts and wrote (in French) the first serious book about them.

So, needless to say, were Whistler, already firmly ensconced in England, and Sargent, who arrived in 1884 – took refuge, one might almost say, after the *Madame X* scandal in the Paris Salon of that year. Sargent had an important showing in London some seven years ago, but has not, apparently, had a major retrospective in the States for a long time. All the same, he continued to regard himself as an American throughout his life, and Americans continue to claim him for their own.

Hence, no doubt, the extensive show **John Singer Sargent** at the Whitney Museum until January 4, since the Whitney concerns itself only with American art. And an impressive show it certainly makes – revelatory, indeed, to most of the Americans who have been flocking to it. Though the heyday of Sargent's English portraits is reasonably represented, the emphasis of the show seems to be on the non-portrait work: the first landscapes, the discovery of Impressionism in France, the later, dazzling watercolours – made, it often seems, to divert himself from the lucrative business of portraiture – and the war paintings and Boston murals of his final period. The draughtsmanship is brilliant throughout; the sheer dash and vigour and flair are extraordinary.

Treble in the camp

ROCK

The Communards
Royal Albert Hall

While the emergence of The Communards as a pop success of 1986 may have been difficult to predict, the carefully nurtured idea that they are in some way a radical departure from the broad traditions of mainstream pop is clearly at odds with the evidence of their live show, which was a light, cheerful entertainment that imposed few demands on an audience comprised mostly of excited teenagers.

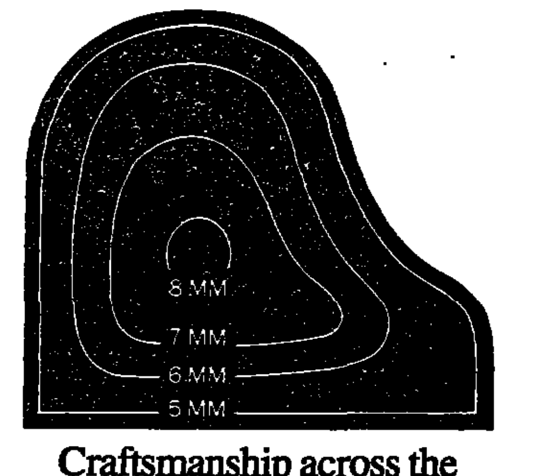
Certainly the crop-haired, pug-faced Jimmy Somerville formerly of Bronski Beat and his gawky partner Richard Coles with whom he founded The Communards in 1985, are unlikely candidates for the role of pop star. But their music collected together a variety of classic styles from doo-wop to disco that were smoothly expedited by Somerville's distinctive falsetto voice – a cross between Frankie Valli and Aled Jones, and a sound that requires a taste I have yet to acquire.

Watching Somerville shuffling nervously to the microphone, and shyly muddling his introductions to the songs, was a far cry from the gay socialist rhetoric one might have expected from reading his interviews in the press; instead there was the gentle humour of "Lover Man" where he and Sarah Jane Morris sang the high and low parts respectively and the camp, light-hearted clowning of "La Dola Rosa" where the group's string quartet played swirling chamber pop and everyone else shook tambourines.

It is in the matter of instrumentation that they differ most from conventional ensembles, and as Coles moved from the piano to join Jo Pretzel on soprano sax during "So Cold the Night" combining with the two violins, viola, cello, a pre-recorded drum track, and Somerville's high-pitched voice there was a veritable cats' chorus of brittle treble sound.

But most of their material, like the number one hit, "Don't Leave Me This Way", was a combination of a simple dance beat and a bouncy memorable tune with lots of rousing ad libs at the end, and if they stay the course, The Communards, like the Housemartins and the Style Council, will become a bastion of civilized career pop as we all know and love it.

David Sinclair



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There is at least one happy side-effect of Bernard Haitink's new Royal Opera responsibilites. Being an industrious Dutchman, on his nights off from Covent Garden he seems to enjoy nothing better than a little light conducting at the Festival Hall: this is excellent news for London orchestras, and South Bank audiences.

The Philharmonia, for instance, is a very different orchestral animal from Haitink's former charge, the Concertgebouw: more explicit in colouring, beefier in texture, perhaps less silkily blended.

It was not too fanciful to hear, in these gloriously virile performances of Brahms's Serenade No 1 and the Fourth Symphony, a master of musical possibility gearing his interpretation to the strengths of the musicians in front of him.

Strength – a tense muscularity that was never hard-driven yet which galvanized even passages usually thought of as "repose" – was indeed a foremost quality.

Most conductors wade dutifully through the puddingy textures of the Adagio as deftly as they can. Haitink illuminated the very multiplicity of detail, constantly *shifting* the emphasis to different instrumental sections.

The power harnessed in the Symphony was of quite a different order. All seemed channelled towards the passacaglia's tragedy, so that even the implicit resignation of the opening string sequences inevitably (but with subtly varied degrees of abruptness) gave way to aggression and conflict.

In this scheme the central movements offered different kinds of relief. The Andante was shaped into an intense expression of ardour, with the Philharmonia strings (exposed to their occasional discomfort by one or two of the lesser known corners of the Serenade earlier) producing some fine tone. The third movement was a glorious burst of energy, brassy and ebullient.

So when Haitink presented the passacaglia's opening as a series of hammer-stroke *sforzandos*, with an almost Mahlerian emphasis on a chilling muted-horn sound, it was like the brutal cutting of a lifeline. Some tenderly-shaped flute and clarinet solos, and a noble blend of bassoons and trombones in their mournful variation, only temporarily soothed this tempestuous drive to a savage conclusion.

Richard Morrison

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Purcell Room

We probably have the Nash Ensemble to thank for inspiring the formation of several young flexible chamber groups, of which genre the Prometheus Ensemble is a fine example.

And it was the Nash Ensemble's playing that the Prometheus most readily brought to mind, with their warm sound, their euphonious blend and their ability to play as a single unit. The programme was Nash-like too; three classical pieces and a new one, by Judith Weir, to add spice.

Weir's *Sketches From A Bagpiper's Album*, for string trio, "was inspired by the life of James Reid, a bagpiper in Bonny Prince Charlie's Jacobite Army who was captured by the English in 1764, and executed after a judge had declared the bagpipes an *instrument of war*".

Such an explanation invites speculation that it might be a work with a sombre outlook; not so. Instead, its three short, evocatively titled movements seem almost whimsical in flavour.

The declamatory first, "Salute", is dominated by drones implied and real and by parallel open fifths which transport us back, I fear, rather too many centuries, while the "nocturne", played with mutes on, is fractured and syncopated. The final "lament, over the sea", is purely and simply a calm *Lied* dominated by the cello.

One has a feeling that these attractive miniatures ought to lead to something larger. Perhaps one day they will, but meanwhile we can enjoy Weir's sensitive textures and admire her direct, strongly tonal manner, while also relishing, with a slightly nonplussed smile, the charming naivety with which she uses the "Scotch snap" to evoke the sense of place.

The trio that form the kernel of this ensemble gave an admirably assured performance, as with Richard Blake they did of Mozart's Flute Quartet, K285, and the same composer's Oboe Quartet, K370, where Julia Girdwood's oboe playing was full of spacious phrasing and delicious tonal nuances. Beethovens Septet, OP20, on the other hand, although it was technically well up to the mark, suffered sometimes from a little heaviness in the rhythm. It is, in any case, a work that can so easily outstay its welcome.

Stephen Pettitt

Keith Cummins

In the Falklands: Reece Dinsdale and Leslee Udwin

Southern comfort

THEATRE

Woundings
Royal Exchange, Manchester

Jeff Noon tells us that the idea for this play came to him after reading that the ratio of men to eligible women in the Falklands was 200 to 1, and that a campaign was afoot to put the boys out of their misery by encouraging women to emigrate and "forge a new life".

It didn't happen; and the very idea of aircraft disgorging hordes of randy girls hoping to get lucky with the standing army belongs to the world of *Carry On* films. This is not Mr Noon's world: and he pressed on with the play by turning the Falklands into an imaginary island full of locations with names like Mount Shrapnel, the Bullet Field, and the Woundings.

It was the kind of fantasy territory for which the Royal Exchange – in past productions of Gerald McLarnon and Russel Hoban – has shown itself to have a soft spot.

The play duly carried off third prize in the Theatre's Mobil Competition, and Gregory Hersov's production coincides with the publication which launches the new Birmingham based company of Oberon Books.

Woundings is designed as an elemental tragedy involving conflict between military discipline and various forms of freedom. It is easy to say that as these tragic abstractions have been allowed to flourish at the expense of particular human detail.

There is a story, in which three of the girls pair off with three of the soldiers and meet variously unhappy fates. Doug, the most regimental, gets blown up by a mine after ditching a local girl; Jimmy (Reece Dinsdale), torn between discipline and love, resolves matters by shooting his girlfriend (Leslee Udwin). Stan goes through a military marriage service giving straight-faced answers to questions like, "Wilt thou, Private Stanley Jardine, have this woman to be thy wounded wife?"

Meanwhile the islanders, armed with rakes and pitchforks, are prowling around the minefields as a volunteer defence force liable at any moment to turn into marauding guerrillas. It is *Cold Comfort Farm* in the South Atlantic.

Dialogue consists mainly of bursts of long-winded telegraphese, that manipulate characters into a sequence of *stereotype situations*. If love takes place out of doors, the lovers talk of the stars: if a girl is lying sick in bed, another leans solicitously over her saying, "Don't try to talk."

Mr Hersov's production goes *all out for violence*. Instead of passionate writing we get exploding mines and gunfire, unmotivated brawls, deafening percussion, screamed orders, and lots of mood music and wild sea waves. With no characters to play, the cast are no match for all this; though there are physically commanding performances from Brendan Price and Maggie Saunders.

Irving Wardle

Black satire bites back

Martha Swope

Squeezing the pips out of "A Raisin in the Sun": Danitra Vance, Vickilyn Reynolds

NEW YORK THEATRE

Ever the entrepreneur to make the numbers add up his way, Joseph Papp is producing fewer shows this season at the *Public Theater* due to renovations, but has opened with a demonstration that Less is More. *The Colored Museum* is a satirical-revue whose bite is as keen as its bark. Perhaps author George C. Wolfe, a 32-year-old black making his New York mainstream debut, ought to wear a sign, "Beware of Dog."

"Git on Board," the first of eleven sketches, features an effervescent stewardess in hot pink miniskirt uniform aboard the Celebrity Slave Ship. With non-stop perkiness, Danitra Vance demonstrates how to use a "Fasten Shackles" sign, offers treats to passengers and reassures them that after a few hundred years of suffering: "Just think of what you're going to mean to William Faulkner."

As written and played, the sketch is hilarious and painful, an authentic clash of emotions which extends throughout the show's ninety minutes, though most sketches need tightening and their quality varies. All are played with gusto by Miss Vance, Loretta Devine, Tommy Hollis, Reggie Montgomery and Vickilyn Reynolds.

L. Kenneth Richardson's production is stylish and imaginative, with stunning tableaux as players and set pieces revolve on and off a white curved setting which suggests a stark modern museum. Slide projections of black history contribute to the emotional impact.

The centrepiece of *The Colored Museum*, literally and psychologically, is "The Last Mama-on-the-Couch Play", in which the author satirizes "A Raisin in the Sun", Lorraine Hansberry's 1959 Broadway drama whose recent Off Broadway revival confirmed its stature as a hallmark for black theatre artists and a high point in American theatre history. As soon as the couch holding Mama holding an oversized Holy Bible appears, you know that all sacred cows are up for milking, and sure enough the sketch manages to send up not only "Raisin in the Sun" but a whole range of black musicals. *The Colored Museum* examines our ideas and feelings about what it means to be black with aggressive, affectionate, compassionate humour.

The arrival of such an impressive new writer early in the season is complimented by other developments which suggest that black theatre may be enjoying a renaissance of recognition by the white theatrical establishment. *The Colored Museum* is Off Broadway's newest hit, but Lonette McKee as Billie Holiday in a drama with music, *Lady day at Emerson's Bar and Grill* is also in for a run, and this spring August Wilson's new play *Fences* starring James Earl Jones, comes to Broadway. In Off Broadway theatres playing to racially mixed audiences but devoted to developing black talent, there are also engrossing shows.

Blues for A Gospel Queen (Billie Holiday Theatre) is a biography of Mahalia Jackson, chronicling her struggle to find acceptance singing the Lord's music (gospel) rather than the devil's (blues) and her personal disappointments. *Combining such familiar songs* as "We Shall Over Come" with original music by John Lewis and lyrics and book by Don Evans, the show is three solid hours of melody and melodrama. Kathi Walker is a commanding Mahalia, and in the supporting cast Cliff Hicklen's dancing gives new meaning to the phrase "movers and shakers."

Holly Hill

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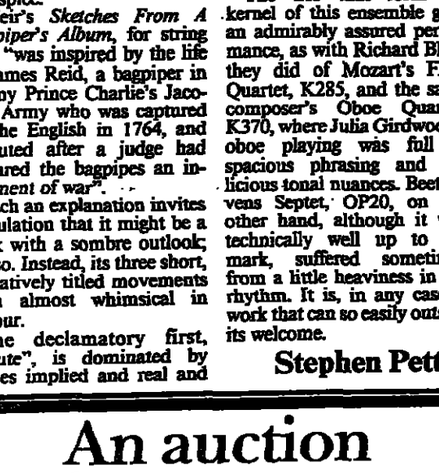

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Just the job, and how to find it

Has the tide turned? With the government spending billions on job creation, George Hill looks at what is on offer

With the announcement last month of the sharpest three-month fall in unemployment for 13 years, and Employment Minister Lord Young expecting another drop this month, Government hopes that the figures may fall below three million before the election look increasingly rosy. The continued rise in the number of registered vacancies supports claims that a genuine improvement is under way.

But the true significance of the figures is hard to separate from the impact of the repeated changes in the way they are compiled — 17 changes since 1979 — and the rapidly proliferating schemes to provide the jobless with temporary work or training. The importance the Government attaches to these efforts is shown by the fact that Employment Department spending is planned to rise by almost a fifth between now and 1989 — much more than any other department.

Critics claim that changes in the way claimants are counted have tended to reduce the recorded total, and point out that the 600,000 people now in special schemes almost exactly matches the number by which the figures have fallen. But the Government is hopeful that the £2.5 billion investment will equip the unemployed with valuable skills.

Chris Harris

The tough get going: since the Finchley Jobclub opened in June, under the leadership of Jackie Jones (in the centre of the right-hand window), 26 members have found work

Up the stairs behind the Jobcentre in the Finchley Road, north London, a new office has recently opened — airy, well-equipped, with a dozen workers getting on with the job at their phones or typewriters, with files of data ready to hand and a large sales chart on the wall.

The "product" they are marketing is themselves, and every "sale" — marked triumphantly with a green star on the chart — indicates the departure of one more of them to a permanent job after months or years without work. This is one of the first of Britain's Jobclubs, one of the more ingenious ideas among the Government's battery of measures intended to reduce unemployment. It is a club of which even Groucho Marx might have approved, since its members have joined with the intention of resigning as soon as the chance comes along.

The club, a forerunners of thousands planned under an expansion announced in October, offers a crash course in the techniques of job-hunting and gives members the moral backing to persist in the face of discouragement.

Jackie Jones has been leader of the Finchley Jobclub since it opened in June. She has the breezy, motherly air of a school sports mistress skilled in cajoling reluctant snd shivering pupils out on to the games pitch — and persuading them that they are enjoying themselves.

"Since we opened, 26 of our people have got jobs", she says. "With an intake of 12 every three weeks, that's 76 per cent. I don't think we've had anybody coming to the Jobclub for more than five weeks, and the few who have left without work have done so for perfectly respectable reasons — to join other clubs opening closer to their homes, or because of serious family problems. I expect they'll come back when they can."

Pilot trials in Britain since 1984 of Jobclubs, an American concept, have shown similarly high success rates. Participants are invited, or can ask to join if they have been out of work for six months or more. Since the high morale necessary to the scheme would be jeopardised by a low rate of success, Jobcentres prefer to divert candidates with obvious weaknesses into some kind of training, thus the members are already a select group.

They get free use of facilities — typewriters and photocopiers to produce their curricula vitae and letters of application, envelopes and stamps, and whatever directories and publications may offer hopeful lines of inquiry, from *The Times* and *Computer Weekly* to the local newspaper. But to avoid accusations that the unemployed are allowed to roister on the taxpayer's coffee, they pay for it at 10p a cup.

The Jobclub leader starts off a fresh batch of a dozen every three weeks with closely-supervised tuition in job-hunting skills. The course lasts two weeks, and after that they carry on the hunt on their own, reporting back at the end of each session.

"It is a matter of confidence to a great extent", says Mrs Jones. "Many of them are quite demoralized at first. We've had some who have been out of work for ten years, and it is easy for them to get out of touch with the ways their skills might still be used."

Jobclubs gather a wide range of members. In Finchley I met Paul, a teenager who ended up without a job this year at the end of a Youth Training Scheme with a bank. He had 20 job leads on his desk and had already had two interviews in his first week.

Dennis, aged 28, with an air of slightly feverish buoyancy, had worked in legal counselling until a year ago, and was typing a letter to a university law department with minimal expectations that they would have a job for him, but in hopes that they might have an idea to offer. "Indirect leads can be very important — people who say: 'No, but I know someone who might...' I find the Jobclub helpful in the way of stopping you becoming narrow-minded."

Hemchand, a 57-year-old former photographer who used to run his own processing laboratory, was patiently listing companies which might be able to provide him with any kind of clerical work. "I send out six or eight applications a day, and I was called to one interview this week, but they told me my age was against me."

"Seventy per cent of jobs are never advertised," says Mrs Jones. "We teach them how to find the vacancies that are hidden, by keeping their eyes open. We help them to reach a realistic appreciation of their potential, and put across what they have to offer."

THE £2.5 BILLION INJECTION: WHERE IT GOES, HOW IT'S SPENT

The extra resources from the Government will continue a massive expansion in jobs schemes. As well as a £600m expansion for the two major schemes, the Community Programme and the Youth Training Scheme, new projects are being launched, adding to a kaleidoscopic array of more than 25 initiatives to find people jobs or equip them to take up work. There are also inducements to employers to provide temporary or permanent opportunities.

The Restart programme, in which everyone unemployed for more than a year is invited for in-depth thorough counselling, and the Jobclubs are among the fastest-growing and most imaginative. The major schemes summarised in order of cost are:

Community Programme: Expanded from 159,000 jobs last year to 230,000 this year. Annual cost now £1 billion (cost per recruit, £1,900). Temporary paid community work and training for long-term jobless, provided in collaboration between employers and Manpower Services Commission. Chief object of Labour derision as "unreal jobs".

Youth Training Scheme: Training at college and on the job for young school leavers, now extended from one year to two, with a place for all who find nothing else. Two in five entrants go from YTS to the dole, but two in five who complete it gain a qualification. There were 395,000 entrants this year, cost £900 million.

Job Training Scheme: Training for jobless adults, through MSC. Helps 52,000 this year; cost £146 million.

Job Release: Allowances for older workers retiring early or switching to part-time to give work to a jobless worker. Supplies 33,000 full and part-time jobs, cost £124 million.

Enterprise Allowance: Temporary subsidies for jobless to start a small business, with capital of their own to invest. This year 64,000 entrants at a cost of £111 million (rising to 80,000 entrants next year).

Restart: Jobcentre interviews offered to anyone who has not worked for a year, with the joint purpose of offering new opportunities and weeding out of the register those who are not seriously looking for work. By next March, all those eligible will have been contacted: 1,300,000 on a budget of about £90 million this year.

Technical and Vocational Education Initiative: The MSC's arm in schools and colleges. Rapidly-growing scheme to make curriculum more relevant to world of work. About 100,000 young people involved in running projects, cost this year £87 million.

Jobclubs: Moral support and coaching in job-hunting skills for long-term unemployed. Recently geared up from pilot project, with 450 clubs this year, 2,000 next — with places for 400,000; cost about £36 million.

Community Industry: Temporary work, with some training, for young people with special disadvantages; 7,000 places, cost £26 million.

New Workers: Newly-introduced subsidies to encourage employers to provide permanent jobs at under £65-a-week to young people finishing their YTS. Demand-related scheme with estimated cost of £26 million if 100,000 places are sought — but take-up so far has been below expectations.

Wider Opportunities: Menu of training courses, with special ones for women seeking to return to work, and for ethnic minorities with language problems. Involves 44,700, cost £26 million.

Local Training Grants: Run by town halls, grant aided by MSC; 50,400 participants, cost £22.7 million.

Jobstart: Allowances to top up initial pay of long-term unemployed entering jobs with gross weekly earnings below £80. New demand-related programme, only 1,600 entrants so far at a cost of £200,000 but expected to rise to £15 million when in full swing.

Voluntary Projects Programme: Unpaid voluntary work, designed to improve self-confidence and work skills. Grants to sponsors. About 13,000 volunteers, cost £14 million.

Mobility Schemes: Help for jobless people to travel to job interviews outside their locality, and help with removals if they get a job. Pilot schemes being extended, expected to help 21,000 at a cost of £5.6 million.

Job Splitting: Grants to encourage employers to create a job by splitting an existing one into two. Only 280 jobs provided last year, but Government hopes for 6,000 next year. Present cost, £3 million.

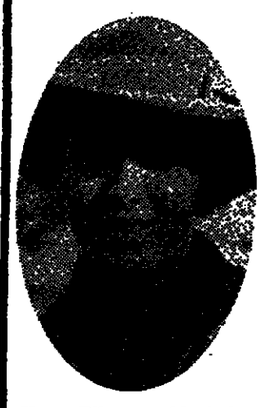
Money out of Africa

Karen Blixen died 25 years ago, but a single film has made her into a Danish cult figure

The world-wide success of Sydney Pollack's Oscar-winning film *Out of Africa*, based on the experiences in Kenya of Karen Blixen, is reviving massive interest in the works of the Danish writer.

As a result, the Rungstedlund Foundation, housed in the Blixen family home at Rungsted, north of Copenhagen, has been saved from impending financial ruin. Professor Allan Philip, the lawyer responsible for administering the foundation, revealed that around £140,000 for the film rights to *Den Afrikanske Farm* (Out of Africa) was netted in 1984. And a contract with Universal Pictures will bring in a further 1.5 per cent of the global box office takings next year.

Sales of Blixen's novels and short stories are booming and the film rights to another of her works, *The Foundation*, have earned a further £140,000. Denmark is possessed by Blixen fever. Bookshops abound with displays of her works, clothes



Karen Blixen: suddenly in vogue, courtesy of film

shops sell safari-style fashions, travel agencies advertise Blixen-type safaris to Africa, and jeeps are the new fashionable means of yuppie transport.

The Rungstedlund Foundation ensures the maintenance of the former seaside residence of Karen Blixen (1885-1962), Denmark's leading female novelist of this century.

She wrote many of her works in English and her one time Rungstedlund home is a small manor house set in woods overlooking the narrow sound which separates Denmark from Sweden at the mouth of the Baltic.

Blixen is buried in a simple grave in the woods surrounding Rungstedlund. In accordance with her wishes the gardens have been declared a bird sanctuary, maintained in co-operation with the Danish Ornithological Society.

***Out of Africa* traces Blixen's life in Africa, where she lived as a coffee farmer from 1914 until 1931. It also explores the collapse of her marriage with Bror Von Blixen-Finecke — a Swedish baron — and her love affair there with Denys Finch-Hatton, an English aristocrat.**

Finch-Hatton perished in an air crash shortly before Blixen left Kenya for the last time and the Swede, from whom she contracted syphilis, died in a road accident. There are no plans as yet to open Rungstedlund to the public as a Blixen museum, although the adjoining park and gardens and her beautifully-situated grave can be visited.

Christopher Follett

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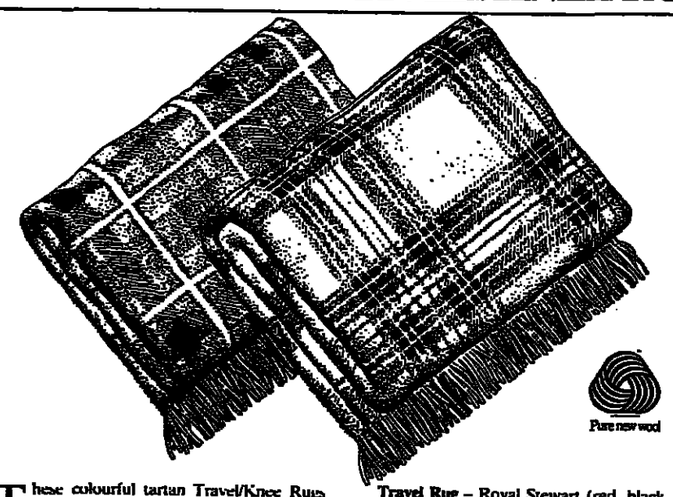

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Rallying's banned supercars are looking for homes, reports Peter Barnard

Wrong side of the tracks

The scene is the Ford specialist division at Chelmsford. A customer, a mere mortal, is being given the VIP treatment. Not only is he seeing what goes on in the cloistered atmosphere of such an establishment, he is also being invited to drive a certain motor car around the hallowed test track, in the company of no less an immortal than Stig Blomqvist, the former world rally champion. Whatever can have brought this about?

The short answer is that after spending six years and £10 million putting the team together, Ford has arrived on the pitch to find the goalposts have been moved. The result is that mere mortals, provided they have £50,000 to spare, may now take to the public highway in a car so potent that Blomqvist is not allowed to take it near a world championship rally course.

The Ford RS200, like the rest of rallying's current generation of "supercars" — which include the Peugeot 205 Turbo 16 E2, the Lancia Delta S4, the Audi Quattro E2 and the MG Metro 6R4 E1 — has turned out to be too potent for its own good.

Safety factor key to the restrictions

So, from January 1, rally cars will be slower, heavier (relative to their power) and therefore safer. That last is the key word: a sport that lives off sponsorship has had its various brand-images dented this year, notably by two accidents: Henri Toivonen died in Corsica when his Lancia ran off the road and caught fire and an RS200 came unstuck in Portugal, killing spectators.

Rally Sport

Fast exit: the RS200 leaves the world rallying scene

Within 24 hours of Toivonen's death, FISA — motor sport's governing body — had announced that from next year, cars competing in major championships would have a limit of 300 brake horse power (bhp), they would carry more weight and their wheel widths would be reduced.

A look back to 1979, when Group 4 was the equivalent of what became, the following year, Group B, demonstrates why so many people, including a majority of the drivers, feel performance has outstripped its enviroment.

A good Group 4 car would have a top speed of between 120 and 130mph; it would be two-wheel-drive and its 0-60mph time would be perhaps five seconds. Now a Group B car will reach 140mph flat out, is four-wheel drive, has a 0-60 time of 2.7 seconds, wide wheels and generates between 400 and 500bhp — the same as Formula One cars of only five years ago.

Any resemblance between these supercars and the ones we drive to work is — or was — purely coincidental. Colin Wilson, editor of *Rally Sport* magazine and a driver himself, says the changes are

Any colour as long as it's white

overdue from everyone's point of view. "What this does is close the gap between the factory teams and the guy who does it for fun. In effect people will have to use what is more or less a road car, something ordinary people can relate to."

Even at Chelmsford the view is philosophical. "We think rallying should have gone back to more basic concepts a lot earlier," says Harry Calton of Ford's public affairs division. "Group B had become so sophisticated it was untrue; we could change a gearbox in nine minutes and at one time you had helicopters ferrying parts around a rally course — you could virtually rebuild the car in the course of the event."

Not everyone is taking it lying down. Jean Todt, racing manager for Peugeot — the 205 Turbo 16 E2 cleaned up in the recent Lombard RAC rally — plans to pursue FISA through the French courts, but few insiders give him a chance.

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But don't buy an RS200 thinking you can outstrip all comers — one organization in Essex had the car on test recently and the sponsor's name is on the side: POLICE.

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15 Thieve (5)
16 Radiolocation (5)
18 Sullen (5)
20 Throng (5)
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23 Pour forth (4)
24 Pasta dish cheese (8)

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3 Large vase (3)
4 Warwicks saline spring (10,3)
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Sons and stinging invective

Dennis Potter's controversial serial *The Singing Detective* raises once again the vexed question of the mother's role in literature, especially modern drama. Libby Purves examines this complex relationship and asks why the pen becomes a sword when the nest is flown

Allan Edelstein

Sons and mothers: Dennis Potter (left), and Alison Steadman and Lyndon Davies, who play Mrs Marlow and Philip in the series

What is it about playwrights and mothers? I ask because although Dennis Potter's uneasy masterpiece, *The Singing Detective*, is about a lot of things, last Sunday's controversial episode brought into sharp focus the issue of a son's feelings about his mother.

When Potter's Philip Marlowe, in his hospital bed, remembers the childhood pain of perching in a tree and spotting his mother in woodland adultery, a powerful sense of betrayal screams from the text. Autobiographical or not, the episode was strong and savage in its portrayal of the boy's bewildered blaming of his young wartime mother. Having read the script, I can tell you that relations between them do not soften much in episodes four to six. So taking that and a few other literary *incidents into consideration*, one might be forgiven for thinking that any woman with an eye on her future reputation would be well-advised not to let any of her little sons have a toy theatre this Christmas. If we really don't want to know what the lads think of us, we should clearly discourage all literary activities.

Since writers are merely successful, hardworking people who happen to have a talent for expressing the forces of human nature, the question broadens out: what is it about successful men and their mothers? Why do feelings run so high? Why is it that, as another playwright, Bernard Shaw, said: "Of all human struggles there is none so treacherous and remorseless as that between the artist man and the mother woman"?

A good guru on the subject seemed to be Fay Weldon: not only a powerful writer on the curious relations between men and women, but the most omnivorous reader I know. And, as it happens, a mother. Despite her reputation for plumbing murky depths, she was not inclined to plunge straight into psychosexual analysis. It was, she said, largely a matter of class.

"If you think of writers, they are generally socially-mobile people. John Osborne came to write for, and mix with, a certain class of people, the intelligentsia if you *like*. His mother remains a proof of his origin, a very intimate proof. A bright lad with aspirations generally wants to get away from everything *that his mother* represents. Sometimes you even find writers who are socially mobile *downwards* — like Colin McInnes, who couldn't stand his mother, because she was a 'lady', I suppose."

In the Twenties and Thirties, she added, "it was very fashionable to hate your parents. Actually, in Australia right now, people are still doing it and talking about it. It's to do with escaping from your background — for example, Catholic-Irish-hard-working-poor-respectable — and being a new, modern, free man."

But why do these escapers resent their mothers *most*, though, and why do successful sons of perfectly reasonable mothers so often seem to hide them more *assiduously than they* hide their equally-embarrassing aunts and cousins? "Well, a man's mother makes him feel undignified. She wiped his bottom." And whatever she is, he is tied to her by cords he can never quite break: as he grows older, the presence of clucking old Mum grows even less appropriate, in his view.

Even worse, she may have photographs. In a patriarchal society, to be a Top Man's mother is a dead liberty. Somerset Maugham reckoned that "few misfortunes can befall a boy which bring worse consequences than to have a really affectionate mother". D H Lawrence melodramatically lamented that "Nobody can have the soul of me. My mother had it, and nobody can come into my very self again . . ." A whole boarding-school culture grew up among the British upper classes, to ensure the divorce of a boy from the unwholesome, retarding company of Mum.

Potter, though, was exploring a darker area of the relationship. Little Philip sits in his tree, seeing his mother and her lover; as the stage-direction says: "He is not totally sure about what is going on, but his face shows that he knows it is frightening and illicit . . . there is some receding laughter, of that distant, mysterious, half-heard order which is always the most difficult to deal with . . . out of Philip's reach — and yet it is there, threateningly, the worse for being increasingly far off."

The child is not only horrified by the combative appearance of sexual intercourse but he is thwarted by being at a distance. "It is" said a psychotherapist who found the programme true to many of his male patients' nightmares, "one of the most appalling thing for a boy child, to see his mother being dominated and transported like this. Even by his father."

Fay Weldon, herself a a formidable television playwright, agrees. "All of us work hard to avoid that crossover between the maternal and the erotic, with a boy. So we pose as non-sexual beings, quite deliberately. Therefore it is very difficult for a boy to accept, later, that his mother is a sexual being."

Any widow or divorcee attempting a second courtship with a glowering son in the background would probably agree. "He sleeps round at his mate's when my lover stays", says one mother of a 16-year-old, resignedly. "Even six years after the divorce, which was not even my fault, I wouldn't put it past him to be writing a play about me."

It was not ever thus. I have always been puzzled that David Copperfield never blamed his feeble little mother for landing him with Mr and Miss Murdstone and a frightful life thereafter. She remained, as Victorian mothers in novels tend to remain, a beloved, angelic, innocent figure. "Well," says Fay Weldon tartly. "These *women were just that. They* were seen by their sons as weak, Christ-like martyrs because they actually were victims: totally dependent on men, and likely to die in childbirth when they were still young."

It was not until our century that mother became what Germaine Greer so sweetly called "the dead heart of the family, spending father's earnings on consumer goods". We are a lot easier to despise, now.

But the very strength of the contempt, when it arises, is an unwilling proof of love. We should perhaps be gentle when our sons despise us, and try not to remind them of the awful truth: that they cannot get away, and that that is why they try so hard.

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New head for Saint Bob's halo

As Bob Geldof prepares to lower his Band Aid profile, *Liz Gill* meets the woman who will carry on the good work

The stereotyped image of the female charity worker, all sensible clothes and selfless good works, is shattered instantly by Penny Jenden. Slim and attractive, with black lace tights, dangling silver earrings and chipped red nail polish, she can be juggling figures with the best financial brains in the business one minute, poring over the minutiae of bee-keeping in Sudan the next, and still find time to argue her corner with Bob Geldof in a vocabulary as earthy as his.

"My kids get sick to death of Africa and me harping on about how that would be enough to feed a family. They tell me to stop nagging and give up smoking. *'Think of all* the money you waste on cigarettes'," she says with a laugh.

A 36-year old anthropologist who mixes street credibility with a mind like a steel trap, Penny Jenden is the *executive director* of the Band Aid Trust and the brain which oversees the spending of the £70m raised so far.

She feels she has had to be extremely tough with Band Aid's cash. "This is very special money, very precious money because a lot of it came from a group of people who had never given before.

"Kids are not walking around tormented by African famine — they went to the concert or Ran The World because these things were fun. They must not be allowed to sit back and think, 'Well, we gave it to Band Aid and they screwed it up', so we're extra, *extra cautious*."

For nearly two years, ever since she put her near-completed PhD thesis on ice and *volunteered her services*, Penny Jenden has been Bob Geldof's key back-room figure — bossing and bullying, cajoling and charming. Initially she joined via her architect husband Kevin who, racked by what he had seen on television and memories of his own Red Cross work in Africa, stepped forward with his skills.

As the money poured in and the ideals took concrete form, Penny became the vital link between the evaluation committee, which recommends which projects should get the cash, and the trustees, who have the final word.

From the beginning one of *Band Aid's guiding principles* has been that it was no good simply pouring money into *short-term care, however* heart-rending the need. If lives were to be saved in the future and Africa to get back on its feet, *the greater proportion* must go on long-term aid.

"Long-term aid might not be as dramatic as emergency assistance, but there can be profound ramifications for people's lives", says Jenden. At her office in London's West End she has list after list of what it means in reality: from the largest grant, $500,000 for a major start-from-scratch programme, to the smallest, $4,000 for a water pump.

Tackling the problem in such a real way brings incalculable satisfaction. "I went into Sudan on one of the first flights taking in these special biscuits which are like shortbread but which contain enough calories to keep a child alive for one day.

"We went to a camp where the children were really in a terrible state and finding it difficult even to eat the gruel that was being given as the supplementary food. We gave them the biscuits and as I watched them hold them in their hands and suck on them, I felt a great sense of gratification because I knew those biscuits were there because of my efforts."

Much of Jenden's life has been spent straddling two worlds. As the daughter of a master mariner she spent part of her childhood and adolescence in Africa and India.

"I always suffer greater culture shock coming back here. For example in India nothing ever gets thrown away and on one level you think 'isn't that nice'. But of course it's *because people are so* bloody poor that there's no waste.

"I always start off intending to take bottles to the bottle bank and papers to be recycled, but in the end I never do. It does go against the grain to throw food in the bin but when you're a working mother (she has two sons aged 15 and 12 and a four-year-old daughter) that's the way it goes. You buy food and then you have to chuck it because something's cropped up."

Penny Jenden is paid £10,000 a year — "Bob wanted us all to work for nothing for ever but you can't go on like that" — and will stay as long as she's needed.

Jenden: doing good isn't all Laura Ashley and brown rice

Her job has taught her, she says, a healthy cynicism about professionals but also a great optimism. "I know now that people can change history.

"It took Bob to start it off but at the end of the day people thought *they* could do *something, too. They realized* that you didn't have to wear Laura Ashley and eat brown rice to do a bit of good. You could be your own person, do your own thing and give a bit of money and it was valid."

The job has had its more frivolous compensations. "When Bob was knighted he had a party at the Hard Rock Café and I met Mick Jagger. I remember my dad thumping me as a kid for saying I fancied *him. It was a childhood dream* come true. I said to Bob, 'I can resign my job tomorrow now because I've fulfilled my lifelong ambition'."

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TALKBACK

From Mrs Annette MacImrae, Hillhead, Glasgow

David Leitch's article on Tracing The Path To Long Lost Parents (Wednesday Page, November 26), has a quote from do-gooder Ariel Bruce about her work in helping adopted children find those parents: "...there can be cruel and hurtful rejections, and they are extraordinarily sad. But even when it doesn't work out, I've never heard anyone say they wish they hadn't done it."

How many adoptive parents has she spoken to? If Ariel Bruce had any idea of the hurt and disappointment caused when a fickle teenager decides that he whimsically fancies finding his "real" parents, she would feel much less self-satisfied.

There are two sides to every story; she would do well to consider that before weighing in to the often delicate balance of family life.

BRIEFLY

A round-up of news, views and information

Toddling to fame

Keeping an 18-month-old toddler entertained is enough to test any mother's imagination — but after a trip to the zoo with son Joseph, 28-year-old Barbara Dewar's imagination quite ran away with her. She and her husband Ted had the brainwave of creating an illustrated account of the outing, with the pages laced together with bootlaces. The rapturous response of their friends (not to mention Joseph) prompted them to publish a series of stories written especially for the boy, such as "Joseph and the Jumble" and "Joseph Chooses Paint".

It is eight months since the prototype was created but already *The Bootlace Books*, price £1.75, are being stocked by Boots and W H Smith, among others. For safety, the pages have round edges, are laminated, and the bootlaces brightly coloured with non-toxic dyes. And now, with excited foreign enquiries, it even looks as if Joseph is destined for international fame — and all because of a simple trip to the zoo plus a little imagination.

Tanstoppers

Winter sports become ever more popular — yet having a tan (at any time of the year) is increasingly unfashionable. In response, Boots System 1 range now offers three very inexpensive moisturing products designed to stop faces frying in the snow-reflected glare and protecting, too, against chill winds. Fragrance-free and ideal for sensitive skiers' skins, Ultra-Protective Ski Cream (£1.25), Protective Action Ski Cream Sun Filter 4 (£1.95) and Ultra Protective Ski Salve (£1.15) can be found in Boots branches nationwide. Should stop the blisters in Klosters. . .

Quote me...

"Feminism has gone too far, too fast. It is not as happy for women as they imagined it to be and it is particularly sad because if the race is to go on, women will have to marry and have children. It's that simple. Or they will have children but turn them over to the state — which reduces them to a far worse state than they were in when the feminist revolution began" — Clare Booth Luce, author of *The Women*.

Aids aid

The growing number of Aids antibody positive women now have a shoulder to lean on: the National Support Group for Women with HIV Infection. Its helpline number is 01-833-2971 and it operates Mondays to Fridays 7-10 pm, 3-10 pm at weekends. Send a 10x8 inch, 38p SAE for an Aids booklet targeted at women. Write to the Support Group c/o BM AIDS, London WC1N 3XX.

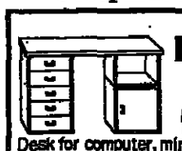
Just pup in

Keeping a dog is incompatible with many people's lifestyle — so what about sponsoring one instead? A donation to the National Canine Defence League will go towards the feeding and upkeep of a particular animal — they'll send you a picture of the bowser and if you live near the kennels you can even visit, to take him for walks. For details about this new way of expressing your puppy love, write to Steve Goody, Code 203, NDCL, 1 Pratt Mews, London NW1 0AD.

Play cookery

The Cooking Game is probably this Christmas's most delicious board game: a race to concoct dinner-party menus from beautifully photographed ingredient cards for recipes compiled by gourmet Jane Grigson (and featured in full in an accompanying guide, in case you actually want to cook the dishes). It costs £14.95 from stockists including W.H. Smith, John Lewis and good toy shops; but alas, you won't find any leftovers in the fridge next day.

Josephine Fairley



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All the old intelligence

Peter Wright is not the only former British intelligence officer the authorities would like to silence. After publication of Freeman and Penrose's *Conspiracy of Silence, The Secret Life of Anthony Blunt*, the security services have been hot on the heels of the elderly intelligence officers quoted therein. "They have been writing to the old boys in a threatening way – for talking about things that happened in the 1930s and '40's, things that in no way jeopardize national security," says Freeman. Among those to receive letters was Malcolm Muggeridge – who has penned his own words on the intelligence services. William Skardon, the crack MI5 interrogator who helped unmask Philby and Klaus Fuchs – who sold atom bomb secrets to the Russians – was particularly surprised to receive a warning. All his quotations were lifted from a *Sunday Times* article Penrose wrote six years ago.

● **A singularly inappropriate inclusion on Marks and Spencer's new range of so-called exotic fruit: French prunes.**

Loyalist

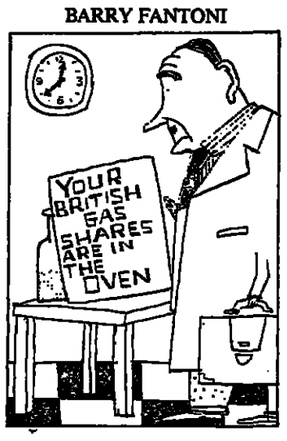
Sir Alan Goodison, who has just stepped down as ambassador to Dublin, will not be sitting down at a typewriter to give his side of the Hillsborough agreement, in which he played a key role. "I think ambassadorial memoirs are far too often either superficial or disloyal," he tells me. But one of his aims in retirement is to master a subject every bit as complex as Irish politics – New Testament Greek. His writing, meanwhile, will be confined to articles on theology; during his three years in Dublin he contributed frequently to *The Furrow*, a magazine read almost exclusively by the Roman Catholic clergy.

● **Tory Nicholas Winterton is leading a group of MPs who have asked W H Smith not to stock *Comic Relief – the Christmas Book*, sold to help Oxfam and Save the Children. They object to a comic strip of the Nativity littered with four-letter words. "Insulting and offensive," they say.**

Washed away

Tory wets are ruing the appearance of newspaper reports last week revealing their plan to take over the backbench Education Committee. The dries immediately sent out photocopies and marshalled all their supporters to vote for the leading committee posts. The wets were duly foiled: right-wing John Pawsey stays as chairman, with equally dry Peter Bruinvels voted in as vice-chairman. Both will have the ear of the Education Secretary as the election approaches.

BARRY FANTONI



Seriously, Sid

That tedious character being employed by British Gas to promote its interests is even more ubiquitous than I had feared. Pick up a copy, as I did the other day, of Kazuo Ishiguro's novel *An Artist of the Floating World*, and you will find the front cover photograph attributed, simply to "Sid." The plot thickens somewhat when you telephone the publishers, Faber and Faber, to try to establish the true identity of the photographer, for not even the publicity department knows. The next chapter is to call, as I did, the cover designers, Pentagram, employer of one Sid Compton James – a woman. "It's just a name I've picked up over the years," she explained, slightly wearily. "The trouble is that since the British Gas campaign, no-one takes me seriously. If I leave a message for someone to ring me, they think it's a joke."

The limit

Radio Moscow, peddling the dubious line of Aids having been concocted by mad scientists in a military lab in the United States, came up with a new punch line the other night. Propagandist Boris Belitskiy concluded: "Aids could have more tragic consequences than earlier US exports such as TV violence and drug addiction."

Danse macabre

The current *Photo Mart* contains an unusual advertisment from a video firm. Among the 99 titles on sale – most are "strictly adult only" – a small section is dedicated to Music and General Entertainment. The first movie appearing under this heading is *Adolf Hitler*. Are they, one wonders, confusing the goose step with the foxtrot?

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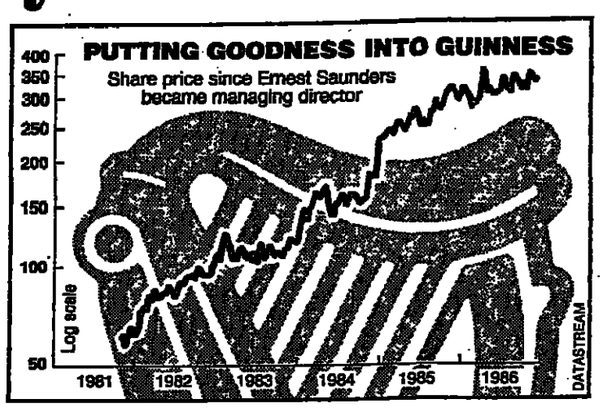
Boesky's Guinness records

Ivan Boesky's deal with the US regulatory authorities to provide information on his insider share dealing activites to ensure a light prison sentence threatens sleepless nights on both sides of the Atlantic. For months, unknown to those with whom he traded, Boesky has been taping his conversations and handing over details of his transactions. This financial equivalent of the Watergate tapes appears to be proving fertile ground for the sleuths of the Securities and Exchange Commission, which monitors the US investment industry.

Now Boesky's shadow has fallen on Guinness, which became one of Britain's biggest companies after the acrimonious takeover of Distillers, which dominates the Scotch whisky industry. The Guinness chairman, Ernest Saunders, was stunned by the arrival of Department of Trade inspectors at his Portman Square head office on Monday. "I know of no reason why the Department has decided to investigate Guinness," he said.

In the City, there is little doubt. For Boesky was a major stock market player during the battle with James Gulliver's Argyll group for control of Distillers.

On Wall Street Boesky is "King of the Arbs", the term deriving from arbitrageur – one who buys shares in takeover stocks in a calculated gamble on a higher offer. The DTI will neither confirm nor deny that its inspectors are looking at purchases and sales of both Guinness and Argyll shares on the basis of information provided via the Boesky tapes.



A DTI investigation into a company is a very serious – and comparatively rare – event. In the case of Guinness, the inspectors were sent in under a section of the Act giving them wide powers of investigation. In theory the result could be anything from a clean bill of health to a winding up order.

The inspectors can examine all the company's books and documents as well as those held by other people – such as its professional advisers. That is why on Monday the inspectors moved simultaneously on both Guinness and Morgan Grenfell, its merchant bank adviser.

Perhaps the inspectors' most important power will be to question, on oath, anyone they think could help them with their investigation. This would catch anyone relevant to the inquiry – Guinness, not just the directors of

Anyone who refuses to co-operate, for instance by remaining silent, risks being in contempt of court

The evidence of a link between Wall Street and Guinness is at the moment only circumstantial. The information came from the American SEC. Last Thursday the government bought into effect new powers in the Financial Services Act which would allow it to return the favour. The powers give the government the legal right, for the first time, to pass information gathered as a result of a company investigation to other regulators, including the SEC.

There are two crucial aspects to the Boesky case. He will name names. The bigger the name, the more likely he will be treated leniently by the US authorities. But what has really shaken Wall Street is that part of his cooperation with the SEC included tape recording conversations and filming his interviews with other market operators.

In fact before Boesky moved into his offices about 20 months ago he got workmen to install tape recording and video equipment. When the SEC caught up with him all he had to do was to keep the cameras and tapes running.

John Bell and Lawrence Lever

R.W. Johnson outlines the high-risk gambles as the election approaches

Defence: when will Kinnock beat a retreat?

This autumn has had a particular fascination for students of British electoral behaviour. Labour's opinion poll lead has dissapeared. Largely because of a sudden erosion of Alliance support, the Tories have first pulled level and now ahead, thus providing a clear glimpse of a third successive election victory.

The pound and the stock market responded quickly to the shift. So did Mrs Thatcher, who visibly slipped into one of her euphoric "I-as-a-goverment" moods, talking happily about how "I have to put up interest rates", as if neither the Chancellor nor the Bank of England nor the allegedly free financial market existed.

Almost immediately, however, we settled down to a more normal diet of City and spy scandals. The Tory lead vanished and Labour were back in first place. What did that glimpse mean?

Since 1951, the Liberal vote has risen under Tory governments as disaffected Tory voters drifted towards the middle; under a Labour government the Liberal vote has declined as anti-Labour voters rallied to the Tories.

By the 1960s and '70s, with the Liberals attracting greater support, this meant that Labour could even win elections despite a declining share of the vote: it was enough that the Liberals did more damage to the Tories than to Labour, and any period of Tory government seemed to guarantee that.

At first the birth of the Alliance seemed only to magnify this trend. But the Alliance, fortified by its Tory gains, could now appear as a credible alternative to Labour too. This enabled the Alliance to peel a second skin of the onion, as it were – with such astonishing success that by December 1981 it stood at 50 per cent in the polls with Labour and Tories tying at a miserable 23 per cent each. In this second stage of the process the Labour vote proved far more vulnerable to Alliance temptation than the Tory. Labour has, moreover, never fully recovered the ground it lost to the Alliance in this period. The Falklands war transformed the political landscape at a stroke, by pulling Alliance voters back to the Tories in droves.

Note the asymmetrical billiard ball effect: the Alliance first struck the Tories a terrible blow; then dealt Labour a similar blow; but then itself took a heavy blow from the Tories. The difference was that while the Tories recovered, the other two never really did. Moreover, what progress either made was at each other's expense, not that of the Tories.

Once the 1983 election was over Labour rapidly regained – in the polls at least – most of the votes it had lost to the Alliance in 1983, but the Alliance, reverting to its 1981 pattern, compensated by stealing votes from the Tories.

At this point the 1986 conference season intervened, and with it the defence issue. It is worth noting that the Labour conference's reiteration of its own unilateralist policy did the party no harm at first. It had, after all, been entirely expected. Labour rose over the 40 per cent barrier in the polls.

A time bomb was ticking away, however, in the shape of David Owen's rejection of the agreed Alliance statement on defence: had Owen accepted this statement there is little doubt that the anodyne policy it enunciated would have sailed unproblematically through both SDP and Liberal conferences and there would have been correspondingly little discussion of defence. The reality was that Owen had now nailed to the SDP mast a policy which a majority of the Liberal assembly were always likely to refuse, producing a split in the Alliance and a public denouement over defence policy. The whole area of defence policy now naturally received intense media coverage – which in turn (the billiard ball effect again) hurt Labour by focusing attention on its weakest policy.

The result was a re-enactment, on a minor scale, of the Falklands effect. Labour was quickly pulled back under 40 per cent while erstwhile Tory defectors to the Alliance homed back to the Tories. The Alliance vote collapsed, Labour faltered, and the Tories surged ahead. Hence the "glimpse" of a Tory victory.

Owen's imperious style of leadership had a thunderous ricochet. Having started by shooting himself in the foot, his bullet then hit the Liberals and Labour too.

How deliberate was the Owen bullet? It is apparent enough that the true disaster for Owen would be a Labour victory and that he has, for some time, been trying to create a rationale for an Alliance-Tory coalition. No doubt he would have preferred to haul the Liberals towards a pro-nuclear stance, but he must have calculated the consequences of that failing too. There seems little doubt that Owen's top priority is to hurt Labour; if that means helping the Tories – or even damaging the Alliance – the price is still worth paying.

The larger question is whether the Alliance will hurt the Tories or Labour most at the next election. On past form, the former should be the more likely, but events of the past few months suggest that the "freak" effect of 1983 could be repeated if defence can be made a passable substitute for the Falklands. Labour seems certain to do better next time than it did in 1983, so the Alliance would need to attract a good number of Tory defectors even to hold its 26 per cent level of 1983.

Defence policy is important in itself but for many voters is highly symbolic – reawakening imperial echoes, standing for "strong government" and for macho politics in general. Seen in this context, Kinnock has gone well out on a limb by promising to close US nuclear bases and scrap British nuclear weapons.

Promising the first was a tolerable political risk; promising both at once looks like an insuperable electoral handicap, raising the spectre of a simultaneous hail of criticism from the US, a possible resignation threat from the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and a withering cross-fire from both Owen and Thatcher. There is no doubt that Kinnock sincerely believes in this policy but there is also no doubt that he wants to win. So a partial climbdown on defence cannot be ruled out.

To date, Kinnock has used unilateralism cleverly to guarantee his credentials to the left, thus giving him the freedom to move to the centre on almost every other issue. Since Labour cannot win unless it is united, this strategy is sound enough and has paid handsome dividends in the polls. But one senses that this autumn has shown that that implicit bargain has paid all the dividends it can: from now there will be only costs.

If Kinnock backed off from unilateralism now, he might face chaos in his own ranks – even if the policy on US bases was maintained. But if he waited until his troops were under general election discipline, dying only to see the Tories defeated, he might get away with this partial switch. It would be high-risk politics either way. If he feels that Labour is unlikely to win anyway, it would be folly to change course, for the post-election reckoning within the party would be horrible indeed. Against that Kinnock has to calculate the potentially even more horrible consequences for Labour of a third Tory win. There is no safe choice.

Indeed, the rise of three-party politics means that every party leader is now playing at higher risk for bigger stakes. In the main, our politicians are not suited to it. Owen is the only natural gambler, first in leaving Labour and then running against Roy Jenkins for the SDP leadership. Now he is gambling with defence to lever an unhappy David Steel into a coalition stance with the Tories.

The real mystery is Kinnock. His youthful accession to the Labour leadership was the result of a series of successful gambles, and he has occasionally shown the same penchant since (his shouting match with George Shultz, for example). He has seemed somewhat alarmed, however, by his own risk-taking and has often backed down under pressure. Much of the time – as during the miners' strike, and over mortgage tax relief – he has seemed a cautious, even pedestrian example of a Labour leader. With him, one senses, things could always go either way; and of all the leaders he has the biggest gambles to take.

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Japan in search of a jobless cure

In a country where more than a third of the workforce is accustomed to the security of life-time employment, the Japanese must be disturbed by the recent rise in unemployment.

In an interim report released earlier this week, the Meakawa Commission, which published its blueprint for restructuring the Japanese economy in April, again called on the government to expand the growth potential in the domestic economy. This, it said, was essential to help Japan reduce its dependence on exports as the major source of economic growth.

It also said that economic restructuring was required to help offset the increased redundancies by manufacturers of exported goods, who are suffering because of the 40 per cent appreciation of the yen over the past year. This is the first time in Japan's post-war history that an official government body has made such a policy statement on unemployment.

After a series of redundancy announcements in October by such household names as Mitsubishi, Hitachi, Isuzu and Nippon Steel, and the inevitability of major lay-offs in coal mining over the next five years, the Japanese have suddenly realized that their ability to escape the unemployment problems associated with most other advanced industrial economies could be coming to an end.

On the surface, Japanese unemployment figures do not look that disturbing. According to government statistics, only 2.8 per cent of the workforce is unemployed – slightly less than the 2.9 per cent record for the entire post-war period. But the official figures considerably under-estimate the full extent of unemployment.

According to some economists, if the Japanese conducted their labour force surveys in the same way as the United States or Western Europe, the unemployment figure would be somewhere between 4 and 6 per cent – roughly two million people.

Ironically, Yasuhiro Nakasone's government may be able to use the growing anxiety over unemployment to its advantage. Over the past few years it has been under intense pressure from Japan's major trading partners to bring the country's burgeoning trade surpluses under control. But many foreign critics have expressed profound scepticism that the measures so far introduced by Nakasone will lead to any appreciable reduction in Japan's external imbalances.

Nonetheless, the Japanese have made significant efforts in this direction, despite concerted opposition to change from established, mostly bureaucratic, interests. Nakasone's commitment to accept a coordinated appreciation of the yen is only one example.

Other industrialized countries, already accustomed to the decline of their manufacturing industries, have expanded the service sector to provide new jobs. But the downturn in Japanese manufacturing has occurred so quickly that the country has been caught off guard, and seems unlikely to be able to generate sufficient jobs in time to take up the slack.

Unemployment is not something that the government can dismiss lightly. During their 40 years of postwar expansion, the Japanese have never had to deal with the political and social problems generated by unemployment that most Western countries have been struggling with for years. Moreover, because of Japan's aging population, *all* the young need to work to provide pensions for those reaching retirement age.

In drawing attention to the growth in unemployment, the Meakawa Commission has focused on the need to formulate new policies that can quickly be put into effect before unemployment gets out of hand. The powerful bureaucracies, which hitherto have impeded Nakasone's attempts to switch the source of economic growth from exports to domestic demand, are likely to prove more responsive to the need to generate new sources of employment than they have been to foreign pressure to increase imports.

Michael Dynes

Roger Scruton

Communism and all that jazz

Totalitarian governments are increasingly reluctant to subject their critics to political trials, which attract too much attention in the West and thwart the policy of image-building. Instead, the habit has developed of charging political offenders with "economic crimes". By and large, the tactic has been successful, and the astonishing increase in recent years in the number of Soviet citizens executed for economic "corruption" has either aroused no comment in the western press or has been offered as further proof of Gorbachov's tough, reforming liberalism.

The policy has also been adopted in the Soviet satellites, and is well illustrated by the case of the Jazz Section of the Czech Musicians' Union; a case which is decisive for our understanding of post-Helsinki Europe. Jazz has played an important part in the development of modern Czech culture, both directly, through the jazz clubs of prewar Prague, and indirectly, through poetry, the theatre of Burian, the music of Martinu and the novels of Skvorecky and Kundera.

Founded in 1971, at a time when the "counter-revolutionary forces" of the brief Dubcek era were being "liquidated", the Jazz Section rapidly became the focus of renewed aspirations towards light, air, freedom and a cosmopolitan culture. Its official membership increased to the permitted maximum of 7,000; through its journal, *Jazz Bulletin*, it was to reach a further 100,000 enthusiasts.

These enthusiasts are not simply jazz lovers. Jazz, for them, is a symbol of all that communism denies, and a coveted link with the popular culture of America and the high culture of Europe. Making use of its legal privilege as a trade union, the Jazz Section began to publish memoranda for internal distribution: studies of modern art and literature, memoirs of Nazi concentration camps, and even an edition of Nietzsche's writings on Wagner. Under its auspices all kinds of events were held: exhibitions, lectures, discussions, concerts and festivals. For a while it seemed as though the tradition of the *beseda* – the local discussion group which had played such an important part in the 19th century nationalist movement – was about to be revived.

In 1981 the authorities began to move against the section, banning its annual festival. The section thereupon joined the International Jazz Federation, hoping to buy security through the federation's membership of Unesco (an organization which is, from the communist point of view, distinctly "comradely"). The Musicians' Union was then ordered to abolish the Jazz Section. Its council appealed, on the grounds that the Ministry of the Interior, which issued the order, had no power to abolish a cultural organization without evidence of subversive activity. (It is typical of the Kafkaesque atmosphere of modern Czechoslovakia that such appeals must be addressed to a "constitutional court" which has never, in fact, been constituted). Repeated letters to the ministry asking for an explanation of what the section had done wrong were left unanswered.

The authorities then raided the premises of the Jazz Section, seized its account books and destroyed them, simultaneously presenting the section with a tax bill (incredible by Czech standards) for three million crowns. The members of the council were arrested on grounds of "tax evasion", being now deprived of the evidence necessary for their defence.

Perhaps because the trick was too obvious, and too open to ridicule, the prosecuting lawyers have recently changed the charges. Six of the council members are now accused of running an illegal commercial enterprise, contrary to article 118 of the Criminal Code, while their chairman, Karel Srp, faces an additional charge of illegal financial dealings. Both charges carry a maximum eight-year sentence. The council members have a defence, for they have always acted within the law, and believed themselves to be legally constituted throughout the period when they waited in vain for a legal definition of their status.

Fortunately, the western press has seen through the official tactics, and recognized the trial of the Jazz Section as a fabrication. Disturbed by the western response, *Rudé Pravo* recently carried an article criticizing "instruments of the bourgeois media" (a label attached, amusingly, to *The Guardian*) for their "meaningless, lying assertions." And the Czech embassy in London has issued a press release affirming the guilt of the Jazz Section Council and stating that the section owes some five million crowns in tax arrears, and that its council has been arrested "on the basis of this financial defraudation".

The interest of this document is twofold: first it gives, not the new charge against the Jazz Section, but the old one. Secondly, it assumes that the council members are guilty, come what may. The document is therefore a staggering admission that the members of the Jazz Section council are really political prisoners, as well as providing a wonderful testimony to the Czech government's legal incompetence. Not only does the state not bother to inform itself of the actual details of its own accusations; not only does it proclaim the guilt of the accused before they have been tried; it even incorporates this guilt, as an undisputed fact, into its foreign policy.

There is no better proof of the innocence of Karel Srp and his colleagues than this: that their guilt has been made axiomatic by a state which has so little respect for its own law that it is prepared to broadcast the outcome of a trial which has not even begun.

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Home is where the angst is

When a stockbroker friend came around with a bowlful of goldfish and feeding instructions en route to a holiday in Barbados, he remarked how lucky I was to work at home. "Reflection in tranquillity, eh?", he said. "Nothing to beat it."

Immediately he left, my grandmother was the first to ring and to prove him wrong. She was most upset. "Please promise me they won't have me put down like poor George V. I know you think I'm a silly, but if you have to go into hospital these days, those young doctors try all sorts of things on helpless old people's bodies."

An hour later I had just about assured her that neither she, nor indeed any of her favourite royals, was next in line for compulsory euthanasia, when the door 'phone buzzed.

"Plumber," was the yell. For the next few hours an irrepressibly cheerful thug smashed my bathroom to atoms while playing Meatloaf on a ghetto-blaster. He then dashed my hopes as to whether he could build another with taste and artistry by admitting that he was once part of The Inter City Firm; a band of West Ham supporters who stab people on trains.

Throughout the afternoon, Mr Plumber, for reasons best known to himself, began to sing the children's song, *Muffin The Mule*, as he mangled piping. There was another ring at the door: "You have not paid your television licence," announced an angry voice.

Downstairs were two men in turbans; one very small, while the other was the size of a pantomime genie. I said my set was broken. "What do you all day if you don't have a television?" I tried to explain I was a writer. "You are not a writer, and will be prosecuted," sneered the genie relaxing his grip on my shoulder just long enough to allow me to flee inside.

Back upstairs, the plumber had now fractured a waste pipe and gone in search of a bacon sandwich, leaving behind him a scene of destruction that would have made Action Directe envious. After a brisk domestic discussion with my wife, ranging from bathroom design to divorce, a friend called to ask if I thought his looks could be improved with a toupée.

He was followed by my mother enquiring if I minded having underpants again for Christmas. The radio announced that on a London street a man had just produced a large snake from beneath his anorak and was taking it for a walk on a piece of string.

Sanity, not just tranquillity, appeared to be on the run, and as madness prefers a sitting target, I went for a walk in the park. Ready and waiting to console me in the park café over a capuccino was an unemployed lecturer. What I needed, it appeared, was a stiff dose of new, 100 per cent British Zen, or the Headless Way, as invented by Major Douglas Harding (Indian Army, rtd). Somewhat desperate, I telephoned the major.

"Point to your face," he commanded. "Now if you cut out memory and imagination, you must admit you are pointing at nothing at all. We have all been walking about headless and not realized. We are only a space for the world to happen in. I made this discovery in 1943 in India. I looked down and there were my legs, my khaki, my torso . . . my head was the Himalayas," he said triumphantly. My head was still choc-a-bloc with vandalized bathrooms and turbaned ruffians from the BBC, or wherever.

By now the waste pipe water had leaked into the flat downstairs, with no sign of Mr Plumber returning from his bacon sandwich. The lady upstairs had caught a gerbil under a kitchen sieve and was accusing me of owning it. The major's theories began to make sense.

Why run around in a self-employed panic when, somewhere out there, is an organization happy to take you in, satisfy your every immediate need, has its own capable plumber – and electrician and decorators, too – and, if things still get on top of you, will refer you to the corporate psychoanalyst. Yes, if you really want peace of mind, get a job.

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JUDGING SECRETS

A problem that has plagued the Government's case in Sydney is that the central issue of principle has been obscured by the incidental revelations that have tumbled forth both inside and outside the courtroom. Not that these have always been trivial. On the contrary they have raised a number of questions requiring answers from those involved: namely, Lord Rothschild, Mr Neil Kinnock, Sir Michael Havers and Mrs Thatcher.

Exactly what were Lord Rothschild's motives, for instance, in bringing over Mr Wright in 1981 at his own expense, introducing him to Mr Chapman Pincher and thus facilitating the publication of a book which broke the Official Secrets Act? We could hazard a number of guesses, among them that the noble Lord is an incurable busybody. Mr Pincher's version is that in the aftermath of the Blunt Affair, Lord Rothschild brought Mr Wright to Britain in order to prepare a memorandum describing his (Lord Rothschild's) sterling work for MI5 as a defence against the possibility that conspiracy theorists would one day name *him* as a KGB agent.

According to this account, it was Mr Wright who suggested that they cooperate on what became *Their Trade is Treachery* in which the central thesis is that Sir Roger Hollis was a KGB agent. Lord Rothschild wrote to Mr Pincher discouraging him from this line of inquiry. Yet Mr Pincher also states that Lord Rothschild "realising that Wright was *determined to publish* a book....suggested me as a collaborator." which raises all the earlier doubts in a milder form. The episode remains curious. Lord Rothschild surely has a responsibility to give his own version when the case is concluded in Sydney.

Mr Kinnock must face the question of whether he has behaved improperly in discussing the case with Mr Wright's Australian lawyer, Mr Malcom Turnbull. His reply is that he was merely attempting to inform himself accurately about the court proceedings. But there are innumerable ways in which he might achieve the same object without raising the slightest *controversy*. Instead, the Leader of the Opposition has chosen to do so by talking to the lawyer opposing the British Government in a court case in which national security is an issue.

That must surely be an impropriety. It allows the charge to be made that he is collaborating with Mr Turnbull in order to hamper the Government's conduct of the case and thus to derive political benefit from its loss. And though we may acquit Mr Kinnock of any *such intent*, a secondary charge remains on the sheet: namely, that he *might seem to be* serving the defence cause inadvertently.

Mrs Thatcher was thus not without grounds for implying yesterday that Mr Kinnock was risking his access as Leader of the Opposition to confidential intelligence briefings. That penalty is, however, too severe for an impropriety arising largely from inexperience.

Of the various charges against Mrs Thatcher and the Attorney-General, Sir Michael Havers, the allegation that they learnt of Mr Kinnock's calls by bugging his telephone can be summarily dismissed as, indeed, Mr Kinnock has dismissed it. It is almost inconceivable that Ministers would tap an Opposition Leader's telephone and utterly inconceivable that if they did, they would risk revealing such a damaging fact by leaking it to, of all people, a band of Tory backbenchers.

But the principal charge is that in the case of the Pincher-Wright book, the Prime Minister overrode Sir Michael's constitutional duty to determine prosecutions, and Sir Michael failed by not asserting his responsibility in the matter. The supporting evidence for this is that Sir Robert Armstrong, having originally *testified in Australia that Sir* Michael was party to the decision not to prevent publication, later withdrew this claim upon instructions from London.

The legal thickets here are thick indeed. Sir Michael drew the distinction in the Commons on Monday between his independent role as a prosecutor in criminal matters, in which he brooks no influence from other Ministers, and his role as the nominal plaintiff in civil cases in which he acts for the Government as a whole. Since the decision in 1981 not to seek to prevent publication of the Chapman-Wright book was a civil one, there was nothing improper in his exclusion from it.

But was there not a duty upon the four Ministers who did take the decision, as Labour argues, to draw the Attorney-General's attention to the fact that a criminal breach of the Official Secrets Act was about to occur? It appears not for a reason that is superficially embarrassing to the Government. By failing to move against the book, Ministers *had in effect* authorised its publication in law. No criminal offence had therefore been committed about which the prosecuting authorities could be informed. What these legal niceties conceal, of course, is a commonsense calculation by Ministers that more harm than good would be done by the publicity that such a legal case would attract.

The opposite decision was made in the case of Mr Wright's own book because there is a real distinction *between a book by an outside* journalist and one by a former MI5 official whose revelations are more plausible, more authoritative and thus more damaging. The Government is defending in Australia the vital principle that former intelligence agents have a lifelong duty of confidentiality. If they are able to publish the secrets they have obtained in their service, it will become impossible to run an intelligence service at all.

Vital though this principle is, it was always going to be difficult to sustain it in an Australian Court. Democratic governments always look shifty and uncomfortable when they try to defend their secrets in public. Such activity prompts the question: Is national security the reason — or political embarrassment? Suave Whitehall civil servants like Sir Robert could similarly expect a rough ride from Australian lawyers who like to flaunt their defiance of colonial values (they have apparently forgotten that they were colonisers rather than colonised.)

The Government was sustained in its decision to proceed against these risks by the assumption that Mr Wright's book was a betrayal of Australia's national security interest as well as of our own. That is certainly the view of Mr Hawke's Labour government and it conveyed it to the court. Is it, however, the view of the Australian courts?

That question is raised by Mr Justice Powell's decision to release confidential British documents, somewhat censored, to the defence. The case against disclosure was based upon the British claim of "public interest immunity" and would certainly be sustained in a British court. But the judge, distinguishing between the public interests of the two countries, determined for disclosure, pending appeal.

The Government seems certain to appeal and it is right to do so. If Australians are to determine whether publication of Mr Wright's book would be in the interests of their own national security, as seems eminently reasonable, the judgement of the federal government should surely carry greater weight than that of a state court judge.

If the appeal is lost, however, the Government will be faced with a hard decision. On the side of proceeding further will be the importance of the principle at stake; on the other side will lie the practical difficulty of sustaining it — a difficulty *now intensified* by the decision of an Irish court to allow publication of a similar book, *One Girl's War*, by the late Joan Miller. Mr Wright, having lost in Sydney, could then make his way to Ireland and seek out a sympathetic Dublin publisher.

It may well be that Ministers are committed to a principle that is both vital and impossible to defend effectively. Should that be so, the intelligence services would be seriously vulnerable to disturbed *or greedy former officials*. They do not have the Israeli option of simply kidnapping people like Mr Wright and returning them to British jurisdiction — nor, despite Mr Gough Whitlam's dark insinuations, of attempting still harsher penalties. But some method of protecting the legitimate secrets of the intelligence services has to be found.

ACCOUNTS AND ACCOUNTABILITY

The refusal of the BBC to allow the National Audit Office to examine the financial management of its External Services *is understandable*, but probably misguided. At a time when the BBC needs to demonstrate its value to a doubting public, this is precisely the sort of decision that gives it a bad name.

The BBC, quite rightly, prizes its editorial independence — by which it means its editorial independence of government — above all else. For the External Services, which may be the only reliable and impartial source of information in countries where information is a government monopoly, that independence is especially important. To submit to a review by the National Audit Office, therefore, smacks of scrutiny by government, whatever the claims of the NAO to be an independent watchdog.

To equate editorial independence with financial independence, however, as the BBC appears to do, is to be captive to a delusion. The BBC is not financially independent. The External Services alone receive £88 million of taxpayers' money a year. Is it so very unreasonable for those taxpayers, and Parliament representing their interests, not to have a guarantee that their money is being spent to good effect?

The BBC has defended its action on three grounds. First, it argues that the BBC is not covered by the remit of the National Audit Office, indeed, that it was specifically excluded from the office's value-for-money reviews. This may be technically correct. Further, the BBC's Charter guarantees the External Services managerial and editorial independence, with the result that financial management — like staff appointments — has traditionally been left to the managers of the External Services. If, as seems to be the case, however, Parliament is not satisfied with the way the money *is being used, there is* no reason why this situation should continue.

The BBC's second defence is that the External Services are already undergoing economy and efficiency reviews led by outside management consultants in response to recommendations made in an earlier report (conducted jointly by the BBC, the Treasury and the Foreign Office). Until these reviews are complete, it argues, it is premature to start on a further scrutiny. This would be a valid objection if the BBC was intending to make the results of these reviews available either to Parliament or to the Foreign Office or both, but it apparently has no such plans.

The BBC's third defence is that the efficiency of the External Services and their credibility as a broadcasting organization are unrivalled. This is a mitigating factor, and it will be popular among BBC staff. But it is more an example of BBC-style defensiveness than a reason for refusing an NAO audit. If the External Services are so efficient and effective, they should be able to prove it.

This does not mean that they should have to assess their efficiency in narrow statistical terms alone. The worldwide reputation of the BBC for veracity and impartiality is not statistically *quantifiable*. Nor is it possible even to estimate the number of listeners in countries where surveys are not permitted and listening to foreign radio stations is expressly discouraged. It is possible, however, to compare the productivity of different departments and to find out how money, taxpayers' money, is spent.

So long as the National Audit Office realizes in advance how difficult a task it is to assess the effectiveness of the External Services, and how many "invisible" factors have to be taken into account, their officers should be welcome in Bush House. The BBC External Services have much to be proud of and their managers could be pleasantly surprised by the outcome.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Matters of conscience in spy case

From Mr M. B. Spencer

Sir, Mr Malcolm Turnbull has defended his actions in speaking to Mr Kinnock on the telephone about what had taken place in court in the case of Attorney General *v* Wright, saying that what he did was ethical and justifiable.

Whatever may actually have been said, the appearance given by such a conversation taking place is highly unfortunate. As Mr Turnbull knows (or ought to know) the purpose of Mr Kinnock in ringing him was to gain information for possible use against the British Government in Parliament: such parliamentary proceedings could influence the Government's conduct in that case, to the possible advantage of Mr Turnbull's client if, for example, the decision were taken to discontinue the proceedings.

The appearance given is therefore of Mr Turnbull aiding and abetting the bringing of extra-curial pressure upon a party to an action in which he is involved. No lawyer in this country would place himself in such a potentially embarrassing position and I cannot believe the situation is any different in Australia.

The fact is that Mr Turnbull is not running a news agency, and is under no obligation to provide information about any case in which he is a protagonist. For him to do so to a person in Mr Kinnock's position during the continuance of the proceedings compromises Mr Turnbull's position as an advocate in those proceedings.

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From Mr Michael Rubinstein

Sir, Who would have understood from your main front page headline (November 29) - "Havers forces MI5 about-turn" - that, as the following report made clear, Sir Michael had only insisted upon the correction of misleading evidence given on oath by Sir Robert Armstrong, for which Sir Robert promptly apologised to the New South Wales court? The headline implied that MI5 has acceded to pressure from Sir Michael to do a U-turn - *something he would of course never* have demanded of MI5.

The humiliation suffered by both Sir Michael and Sir Robert in this extraordinary affair could surely not result from a decision, however misguided, to discourage future breaches by Civil Servants of the oaths of secrecy by which they are supposedly bound for life. It seems to be directed rather by the fear that Civil Servants may be tempted to draw attention to misguided or corrupt actions of the ministers they are there to serve, or to any attempt at a cover-up.

In the absence of a confidential outlet for a Civil Servant's sincere concern *in the nation's interest* - as he sees it, inevitably, subjectively - then on occasion he will break his oath and protest publicly.

A Civil Servant's right to resign, with the continuing obligation to remain silent, will not assuage the dictates of conscience: nor should a minister have the right to hide incompetence or to protect or further his party's interests against the national interest behind a Civil Servant's traditional loyalty.

It is self-evident that Sir Robert has been set an impossible task. Those who sent him on this thankless mission, whoever they may be, are on trial in New South Wales. Lord Rothschild, Peter Wright, Chapman Pincher and Neil Kinnock are red herrings, of various hues, in a murky sea.

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Where the truth lies

From Lady Home of the Hirsel

Sir, Following on the correspondence about Sir Robert Armstrong's "economy with the truth" (November 27), my mother — the politest of people, who would never call anyone a liar — once referred to "your friend who has rather an open mind as to fact".

Yours sincerely,
ELIZABETH HOME,
The Hirsel,
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From Mr T. W. Preston, QC

Sir, A more accurate attribution of Sir Robert Armstrong's phrase than that suggested by Mr E. P. Wilson (November 27) is surely to be found in *The Irish R. M.*, by Somerville and Ross.

In the story "Tricket's Colt", Flurry Knox has stolen the colt from his grandmother, and when she arrives to tax him with the *theft he is recorded as "not* shrinking from that economy of truth that the situation required".

Yours faithfully,
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Better use of research in farming

From Dr Brian J. Legg

Sir, I was alarmed that your article, "Research that goes against the grain" (November 27), promoted the naïve view that agricultural research should stop because we have food surpluses.

British farmers are facing stiff *competition from European and* other countries, and if they do not improve efficiency and produce food at prices that are steadily decreasing in real terms they will simply go out of business.

One good example is tomato production, where the price paid to growers remained steady for ten years while the cost of fuel to heat the greenhouses increased four-fold. We *could not prevent* progress abroad, and unless our growers had taken advantage of scientific research and doubled their yield per hectare they would no longer be selling tomatoes.

Just for the record, the wide-span gantry that illustrated the article has nothing to do with grain production, but has been designed for cauliflower harvesting. By following widely spaced tracks it will not destroy perfectly good cauliflowers as tractors and trailers do; it will not compact the soil and waste fuel on unnecessary cultivations; and nor will it sink into the soft winter soils, causing damage and erosion.

Or should we scrap it and buy Dutch?

Yours faithfully,
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From Mr Theodore Sanger

Sir, Professor Colin Spedding of Reading University is quoted as saying in the Spectrum article on November 28: "We might try mixing sheep with trees . . . trees with free range poultry".

The former experiment was of course tried with success in the early part of the century in Herefordshire when our old cider orchards were growing, with Ryland sheep grazing underneath the trees. In fact this dog-and-stick farming, as it was called, kept us *just alive when our colleagues* in the eastern counties were going bankrupt, in the thirties, selling corn at five shillings a sack.

Geese also make excellent grazers, excellent pâté, and supply excellent fertilizer for forest trees. There is a very strong case for following up the professor's ideas as a part of the agricultural solution.

Yours faithfully,
THEO SANGER,
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From Mr Roger Stiles

Sir, Your Spectrum series (November 24-28) forgets that the four horsemen of the Apocalypse are always poised to strike.

You state (November 24) that by 1991 there will be 5cwt of grain stored for every man, woman and child. Why is this such a disaster?

When Chernobyl poisoned thousands of acres it was just a pinprick compared with the results of potential terrorist activity, let alone a bit of atomic nudging *and jostling, between* superpowers. Sad to survive atomic warfare and then die of starvation.

If I were a politician I would promise the electorate 5cwt of grain per head in an underground rocket-proof metropolis. It would be my first building priority, to be funded out of the cancellation of the Channel tunnel and I would be right. Evolution is survival.

Yours,
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Lessons of history

From Dr Jeremy Black

Sir, In suggesting that British school and university departments and syllabuses are extensively concerned with British history to the detriment of the study of the affairs of continental Europe, Dr Alexander (November 25) unwittingly serves to compound the problem he discerns correctly.

It is the habit of posing the two as alternatives that has led to inadequate attention to the history of Europe. British history is in no way separable from the history of other European countries and the habit of treating it as such stems largely from the parochialism of historians unwilling to move outside their own speciality, and from a misguided notion of the uniqueness of British history.

It is to be hoped that rather than challenging this situation by teaching more European and less British history, the two can be bridged and exciting perspectives offered to the student as a result.

Yours faithfully,
JEREMY BLACK,
University of Durham,
Department of History,
43/46 North Bailey, Durham.

Fight against Aids

From Dr A. M. Nussey

Sir, It is sad to reflect that the impassioned plea by Dr Peter Jones (November 20) for haemophiliacs and their families who have become inadvertently affected by the HI virus might not have been needed had we striven to rely on our own production of the anti-haemophiliac (VIII) factor.

We can justly be proud of the free donations of blood by the people of this country, which have always met the needs for transfusion ever since the inception of that procedure. There has also been enough to spare here for the processing of specialised products such as factor VIII, but even now we buy from the USA about 50 per cent of our requirements for it.

In connection with this, *it is* known that blood, which is habitually obtained by purchase in the States, quite frequently comes from tainted individuals and this is particularly dangerous when it is pooled for processing. By contrast, it is exceedingly rare even now for any of our near two million donors to be sero-positive

It is true that current donor screening and other protective measures should greatly reduce the danger of infecting innocent people, but we cannot be sure that the reported mutations of the virus might not make detection more difficult.

Thus it is more than ever advisable to increase our reliance on home-produced factor VIII, even if, in the interim, the achievement of self-sufficiency would make the product a little more expensive than the import.

Yours faithfully,
A. M. NUSSEY,
Heron Close,
46 Meadow Hill Road,
Birmingham.
November 24.

Measures of the evil that men do

From Rabbi Julia Neuberger

Sir, Bernard Levin (November 24) is not quite right in his analysis of human evil. It is not as simple as he suggests. The tradition he comes from and I try to teach is nearer the mark.

Judaism argues that we are all born innocent, but with an inclination towards good and an inclination towards evil. These are, roughly speaking, evenly balanced. If we follow the good teaching and the moral precepts we are given, then the good inclination will weigh down the scales. If we ignore the good teachings and moral precepts, then the evil inclination will win.

All of us sometimes let the evil inclination win by virtue of ignoring the moral precepts we know to be right. In that sense, Bernard Levin is correct in saying we are all sinners and responsible for our own sin. But some of us have our moral sensitivities so blunted by environment, by nature or by history - or by a mixture of the three - that the evil inclination always wins, and we are capable of terrible things, as our standard *practice*.

That blunting of moral sensibilities is a gradual process, and the more it continues the easier it is to commit great *evil*. One dehumanises fellow human beings, rejoices in physical violence, sees nothing wrong in dealing dishonestly from the inside or whatever - but one begins by blocking off one's moral sense. Be it Nazi Germany, Cambodia, Broadwater Farm Estate or the London Stock Exchange, the process is a gradual one and we can all be caught up in it if we are not careful.

Evil deeds are on a spectrum, some more horrific than others. Comrade Tek probably did not think, when a child, that he would have been able to be so wantonly cruel. *Through* a process of brainwashing with political doctrine, a refusal to think, and a gradual training in cruelty, he changed.

I believe we could *all* do the same and that it is ordinary human responsibility for great human evil that we should worry about. For it is not true that people "are evil"; it is that they are capable of behaving in an utterly *evil way. Bernard Levin, Salman* Rushdie, you and I are all equally susceptible, once our moral sensitivities are sufficiently blunted.

I remain, Sir, yours faithfully,
JULIA NEUBERGER,
South London Liberal Synagogue,
Prentis Road,
Streatham, SW16.
November 24.

Instability in Africa

From Captain T. C. Keigwin

Sir, I read with sadness that my good friend and neighbour, General Sir John Acland (November 24), still seeks to persuade us that "Comrade" Mugabe is a "moderate". This is not a view shared by the Matabele, slaughtered in their thousands, or by the prisoners in "Comrade" Mugabe's jails; or by the great majority of a quarter of a million of our own *friends and relations in Rhodesia* whose futures were destroyed in 1980 by a treacherous, liberal English establishment.

Mugabe makes no secret of his intention to establish a one-party Marxist state. Meanwhile he co-ordinates the attack on South Africa.

For 20 years the Soviet strategy has been to build up huge naval power, to outflank Nato, overthrow the South African Government, and install a Marxist puppet regime in the Cape. They could then force the West to surrender, by denying us the vital strategic minerals needed to keep our factories open.

The overriding British interest must be to ensure that the Cape remains in friendly hands. To provide funds and ammunition to troops helping the Soviet plan is suicidal lunacy.

I hope British taxpayers will *turn a deaf ear to John Acland's* well-intentioned but misguided plea.

Yours faithfully,
TIM KEIGWIN,
The Old Vicarage, West Anstey,
South Molton, Devon.

Oxford's plight

From the Chairman of B. H. Blackwell Ltd

Sir, The Press reports of the financial plight of Oxford University and the state of its library collections did not go unnoticed abroad: the *China Daily* I picked up in Beijing on November 19 made much of them.

One might ask how this country is to carry conviction in the face of commercial, technological and cultural competition if it is seen to value so little what is internationally esteemed as a national treasure as well as a national resource.

I am, Sir, etc,
MILES BLACKWELL, Chairman,
B. H. Blackwell, Ltd,
50 Broad Street, Oxford.

ON THIS DAY

DECEMBER 3 1805

Last year, on November 7, we reprinted Admiral Collingwood's dispatch on the battle of Trafalgar (October 21, 1805). After his official version a number of less formal accounts were published, of which the one below is typical.

[BATTLE OF TRAFALGAR]

From the GIBRALTAR CHRONICLE, Nov.9.

We shall now present our readers with such further interesting particulars, respecting the late important victory, as have come to our knowledge since those inserted in our last number. . . .

The bravery of our seamen has never been doubted; but the uncommon success and marked superiority which they displayed over the enemy on this glorious day, are *chiefly to be attributed* to the cool intrepidity and discipline which prevailed throughout the fleet in a high degree; a very remarkable proof of which is, that we have not heard of a single accident having happened on board any of our ships, from hurry or carelessness, during the whole of the engagement.

We do not recollect any general action, where so many of our ships ran on board those of the enemy; no less than five of the French captured ships were engaged so closely, that the muzzles of our lower-deck guns touched those of the enemy; and it is worthy of remark, that in every instance where this occurred, the Frenchman immediately lowered their ports and deserted their guns on that deck; whilst our seamen, on the contrary, were deliberately loading and firing their guns with two- and often with three-round shot, which soon reduced the enemy's ships to a perfect wreck.

The dreadful slaughter on board, and the shattered condition of all the captured ships, whilst it shews with what obstinacy the enemy in general fought, is a convincing proof of the decided superiority our seamen possess over the enemy in close action.

It seems to be generally allowed that the French fired with more vivacity at the commencement of the action than the Spaniards; but that the Spaniards shewed more firmness and courage to the end *than the French. . As enemies*, though vanquished, their gallantry commands the highest respect, and the humanity with which every English sailor that fell into their hands was treated, exceeds all praise. They refused to consider as prisoners of war, such of our officers and men as were driven on their coast in the captured ships by the violence of the storm; every exertion was made from the shore to save their lives, and the Spanish soldiers were turned out of their beds to accommodate our *shipwrecked seamen, who experi*enced every mark of kindness and attention that a generous enemy could bestow.

The behaviour of the French, on the contrary, in several instances, both during, and after, the engagement, forms so melancholy a contrast to the bravery and humanity of the Spaniards, that as we have felt it our duty to render the latter that applause, which their conduct so truly entitles them to, we think it equally an act of justice to record, with impartiality, the baseness of the French, both to their allies and foes. . . .

On the surrender of the *Bucentaure*, an Officer and a hundred men were sent to take possession of her, who conducted themselves with that moderation and forbearance to a vanquished enemy which is characteristic of Britons. The violent storm, which so soon followed the engagement, prevented the removal of the prisoners, and drove the *Bucentaure* towards Cadiz, when the Frenchmen, from their superior numbers, were easily enabled to take possession of the ship and carry her into the harbour, where, however, she was stranded, and *completely* wrecked. The crew, and party of Englishmen, were taken off the wreck by the boats of one of the French frigates in the harbour, and carried *on board of the vessel*, where, will it be believed?, the infamous and cowardly crew of the frigate, when they saw some of the gallant conquerors of their Admiral and his fleet completely in their power, unarmed, and exhausted with fatigue and shipwreck, and incapable of resistance, in this situation, did these dastardly Frenchmen, in revenge for the defeat they had sustained, assault and treat with the utmost cruelty; and with every species of insult and inhumanity, many of the unfortunate and defenceless English prisoners, whom the fury of the elements, and not the fate of the battle, had thus subjected to their power. . . .

Bitter-sweet memory

From Miss Pat Entract

Sir, Mrs Weston-Davies's bottle of Angostura bitters (November 21) is comparatively youthful. I still use a bottle which has been in my family since about 1937 — certainly several years before the war.

If I remember rightly, it was contributed to our modest drinks *cupboard by a rather sophisticated* aunt. It still has intact its useful glass dropper-pipe in the cork and its yellowing wrapper extols its many virtues, not least as "an excellent remedy for hysterical and hypochondriac attacks".

Yours faithfully,
PAT ENTRACT,
2 Elm Court,
Cholmeley Park, N6.
November 22.

From Mr Paul Waghorn

Sir, Angostura bitters do not last as long if also used in *sauce vinaigrette*.

Yours faithfully,
PAUL WAGHORN,
9 Alfred Road, W3.
November 21.

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
December 2: The Queen, Patron, and The Duke of Edinburgh visited The Royal Smithfield Show at Earls Court this morning.

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness were received by the Mayor of the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea (Councillor John Cox) and the President, Royal Smithfield Show (the Lord Vestey).

The Countess of Airlie, Mr Kenneth Scott and Lieutenant-Commander Timothy Laurence, RN, were in attendance.

The Right Hon Margaret Thatcher, MP (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury) had an audience of The Queen this evening.

The Duke of Edinburgh this afternoon attended the second meeting of the Council of British Food and Farming Year at Buckingham Palace.

His Royal Highness, Patron of the Outward Bound Trust, this evening gave a Reception at Buckingham Palace for the 40th Anniversary Appeal of the Trust.

The Duke of Edinburgh attended a dinner given by the Royal Yachting Association (President, Sir Maurice Laing) at Claridge's.

Brigadier Clive Robertson was in attendance.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, President of the British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, this afternoon visited Mulberry Company (Design) Ltd (Managing Director, Mr Roger Saul) at Chilcompton and Midsomer Norton.

Her Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Somerset (Lieutenant-Colonel Walter Luttrell).

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, later opened the new HTV West Studio and Office Facilities at the Television Centre, Bath Road, Bristol.

Her Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Avon (Sir John Wills, Bt) and the Chairman of HTV Ltd (Mr George McWatters).

Mrs Malcolm Wallace was in attendance.

CLARENCE HOUSE
December 2: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother this evening honoured the Treasurer and Masters of the Bench at Lincoln's Inn with her presence at Dinner in Hall.

The Dowager Viscountess Hambleden and Sir Martin Gilliat were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
December 2: The Prince of Wales, Royal Patron, The Abbeyfield Society, gave a luncheon at Kensington Palace for members of the Society and other guests.

His Royal Highness this afternoon presented the 1986 Willis Faber Manufacturing Effectiveness Awards at the Hilton Hotel, Park Lane, W1.

The Hon Rupert Fairfax was in attendance.

The Prince of Wales, Chairman, Cambridge Commonwealth Trust, this evening gave a reception for the Trust at Kensington Palace.

KENSINGTON PALACE
December 2: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, President, The National Gardens Scheme, this morning received Mrs Alan Hardy on relinquishing her appointment as Chairman.

The Duke of Gloucester this morning visited Locks Heath Shopping Centre, Fareham, and later opened the Fareham Leisure Centre. His Royal Highness was entertained to Luncheon by the Mayor of Fareham (Councillor Mrs J. Vause) at the Civic Offices, Fareham, and in the afternoon opened Gloucester House, Oak Street, Gosport, and visited St Agatha's Church, Portsmouth.

The Duke of Gloucester, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Simon Bland.

The Duchess of Gloucester this afternoon opened the Children's Dialysis Unit at East Birmingham Hospital and later presented the prizes at the Bendix and Persil Togs for Toddlers Design Award 1986 at Pebble Mill Studios, Birmingham.

Her Royal Highness travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

In the evening The Duchess of Gloucester, Patron of Notting Hill Housing Trust, visited the Christmas Fair at Kensingtfor Town Hall, London W8.

Mrs Euan McCorquodale was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
December 2: The Duke of Kent, Vice-Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, today opened Thorn EMI Electronics Limited's new Electro Optics Division factory at Feltham, Middlesex.

Captain Michael Campbell-Lamerton was in attendance.

The Duchess of Kent today launched HMS Upholder at Vickers Shipbuilding and Engineering Limited, Barrow-in-Furness, Cumbria.

Her Royal Highness was attended by Mrs Peter Wilmot-Sitwell.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
December 2: Princess Alexandra was present this evening at a Chopin Recital given by Alan Kogosowski, in aid of the Help Poland Fund, at St John's, Smith Square, SW1.

Lady Mary Mumford was in attendance.

Latest wills

Mr Patrick Gee, of Cliffords Mesne, Gloucestershire, left estate valued at £2,407,361 net.

Miss Eveline Millicent Rickards, of Almondsbury, Avon, left estate valued at £219,642 net. She left £800 and some effects to personal legatees and the residue to the Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

Mr Jack Walter Lambert, of London NW3, a former literary editor of *The Sunday Times*, left estate valued at £237,672 net.

Mr Cyril Henry Carrington Harmer, of Putney Heath, London, chairman and managing director of Harmers of London, the stamp auctioneers, left estate valued at £215,085 net.

Mexican thanks

Mr John Stanley, Minister of State for the Armed Forces, has been presented with a plaque by the Mexican Ambassador in recognition of the role played by the British Armed Forces in the disaster relief operation after last year's earthquake in Mexico.

Correction

The artist who designed and laid the mosaic at St Peter's Church, Pentre, Mid Glamorgan, was Mr Anthony Goble, not Noble, as stated on November 22.

Church news

Appointments

The Rev P Morley, Assistant Curate, St John, Park, and Chaplain of Shrewsbury Hospital, Sheffield, diocese of Sheffield, to be Vicar, St Luke, Worsbrough Common, same diocese.

The Rev P W Nokes, Curate, Ludlow, diocese of Hereford, to be Priest-in-charge, Writtle with Highwood, diocese of Chelmsford.

Canon D C Pain, Priest-in-charge, Brighton St Mary the Virgin, and St James, diocese of Chichester, to be Vicar, same parish, same diocese.

Canon B R Pearson, Rector, Thorpe St Andrew Episcopi, diocese of Norwich, to be also Rural Dean of Norwich (East).

The Rev J G Pescod, Rector, Postlebury (Nunney and Witham Friary, Marston Bigot, Wanstrow and Cloford), diocese Bath and Wells, to be Rector, Milverton with Haise and Fitzhead, same diocese.

The Rev K J Piller, Army Chaplain, to be Rector, united benefice, Curry Rivel with Fivehead and Swell, diocese of Bath and Wells.

The Rev C Randall, Curate, St James, Carlisle, to be Rural Curate, Rural Deanery of Brampton, same diocese.

The Rev K Richards, Chaplain to the Derbyshire College of Higher Education, to be Vicar, Rottingdean St Margaret, and Resources Officer to the Diocesan Education Team, diocese of Chichester.

The Rev R M Rimmer, Rector, Rougham, and Priest-in-charge, Rushbrooke, diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich, to be Vicar, Newmarket, All Saints, same diocese.

The Rev M J R Riggs, Curate, Eastbourne St Andrew, diocese of Chichester, to be Curate, Hove SS Patrick with Christ Church and St Andrew (Waterloo Street), same diocese.

The Rev P Stonier, Assistant Curate, Allersley St Helen, diocese of Wakefield, to be Vicar, same parish.

The Rev A Viney, Curate (non-stipendiary), Clayton St John the Baptist with Keymer St Cosmos and St Damian, diocese of Chichester, to be Priest-in-charge (non-stipendiary), Streat with Westmeston St Martin, same diocese.

The Rev W Wade, Rector, Moresby, St Bridget, diocese of Carlisle, to be Vicar, Langdale, Holy Trinity, same diocese.

The Rev M G Wooderson, Vicar, Chaselown, diocese of Lichfield, to be also Rural Dean of Lichfield.

Birthdays today

Mr Leslie Ames, 81; Mr Walter Anderson, 76; Mr Trevor Bailey, 63; Mr Charles Craig, 66; Mr Mike Gibson, 44; Sir William Harpham, 80; Professor G. S. Kirk, 65; Miss Tanya Moiseiwitsch, 72; Air Marshal Sir Douglas Morris, 78; the Rev Professor C. F. D. Moule, 78; Mr Victor Pasmore, CH, 78; Professor Sir Thomas Smith, QC, 71.

Luncheons

HM Government
Mr Malcolm Rifkind, QC, Secretary of State for Scotland, and Mrs Rifkind were hosts at a luncheon held yesterday at Dover House, Whitehall, in honour of the visit to London of the Right Rev Professor Robert Craig, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

Royal Yachting Association
The Duke of Edinburgh attended a dinner given by the Royal Yachting Association last night at Claridge's hotel in honour of Mr John Durie. Sir Maurice Laing, president, was in the chair.

Inter-Parliamentary Union
Mr David Crouch, MP, Chairman of the British Group of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, was host at a luncheon held at the House of Commons yesterday in honour of an Egyptian Parliamentary delegation led by Dr Mohamed Hassan El Zayat.

West India Committee
The West India Committee, the West Indies Trade Advisory Group and the British Caribbean Parliamentary Group held a luncheon at the Dorchester hotel yesterday in honour of the Prime Minister of Barbados. Sir George Bishop, President of the West India Committee, presided. The High Commissioners for Barbados and Guyana were among those present.

Royal College of Physicians
Sir Raymond Hoffenberg, President of the Royal College of Physicians, gave a luncheon yesterday at the college for the Friends of the College. Among those present were:
The Countess of Limerick, Lord Carr of Hadley, Sir Kenneth Robinson, Sir Mark Baring, Sir David Barran, Professor Sir Cyril Clarke, Sir Michael Perrin, Sir William Shapland, Mr R Lloyd, Mr A M Mason, Mr B Pavitt, Mr J McA Rankl, Mr J Sellose, Mr G C Seligman and Mr A Sparks.

Reception

National Association of Local Councils
Mr Dillwyn Miles, Chairman of the National Association of Local Councils, was host at a reception held yesterday at the London Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Dinners

Speaker
The Speaker gave a dinner in Speaker's House yesterday evening in honour of a Parliamentary delegation from Egypt. The Ambassador of Egypt was present and among the other guests were:
Mr Ernest Armstrong, MP, Mr Stanley Orme, MP, Mr Robert Adams, MP, Mr David Crouch, MP, Mr Kenneth Eastham, MP, Mr Andrew Faulds, MP, Mr Cecil Franks, MP, Mr Warren Hawksley, MP, Mr Alan Howarth, MP, Mr Gregory Knight, MP, Mr Ronald Lewis, MP, Mr Hugh McCartney, MP, Mr Seamus Mallon, MP, Mr Trevor Skeet, MP, Mr James Spicer, MP, Mr Robert Wareing, MP, Mr John Whitfield, MP, Mrs Bridgett Anson, Lieutenant-Colonel Mohammed Aly Hegazy, Captain Peter Shaw, the Rev Dr John Tudor and Mr Peter Kilcatt.

Farmers' Club
Mr A. J. M. Holmes, President of the Farmers' Club, presided at the annual dinner held last night at Grosvenor House. Sir John Harvey-Jones and Mr B. T. G. Nicholson also spoke. The guests included:
Lord and Lady Vestey, Sir Michael and Lady Franklin, Mr and Mrs S A Courtay, Mr and Mrs J H M Norris and Mr and Mrs T W Kemsley.

Conservative Group for Europe
Mr Ian Taylor, Chairman of the Conservative Group for Europe, presided at a dinner held last night at Church House, Westminster. Mr Kenneth Clarke, QC, MP, was the guest of honour and Mr Tom Spencer also spoke.

Lecture

Charterhouse
Lord Dacre of Glanton, Master of Peterhouse, Cambridge, delivered the Sir Robert Birley memorial lecture at Charterhouse yesterday.

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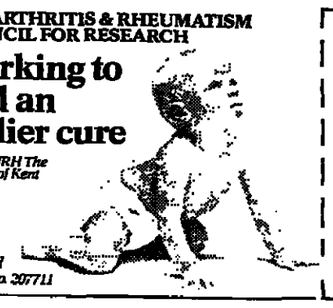

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Forthcoming marriages

Mr C. Bromage and the Hon Jaqumine Thellasson

The engagement is announced between Charles, son of Colonel and Mrs Nigel Bromage, of Barland House, Presteigne, Powys, and Jaqumine, youngest daughter of Lord and Lady Rendlesham, of Glebe Place, London.

Mr C.F. Cator and Mrs W.J. Russell

The engagement is announced between Charles, son of Mr and the Hon Mrs Francis Cator, of Ranworth, Norfolk, and Jane Russell, widow of William Russell, and daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Culverwell, Luckington, Wiltshire.

Mr T.C. Edlund and Miss S.C. Johnstone

The engagement is announced between Timothy, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Allan Edlund, of Eastbourne, and Sally, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Charles Johnstone, of Colchester.

Mr A.D. Carl and Miss L.M. Marks

The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs Ted Carl, of Santa Cruz, California, and Lucy, daughter of Mr and Mrs Clive Marks, of London, NW2.

Captain M.P. Campbell-Lamerton and Miss C.C. Maxse

The engagement is announced between Michael Campbell-Lamerton, Scots Guards, son of Colonel and Mrs Michael Campbell-Lamerton, of Shipston-on-Stour, Warwickshire, and Clare Caroline, daughter of Colonel and Mrs Martin Maxse, of Great Fisherton, Bishops Tawton, Barnstaple, north Devon.

Mr J.F. Ellard and Miss N.M. Pugh

The engagement is announced between John Francis, only son of Mr and Mrs J.E. Ellard, of Eysins, Vaud, Switzerland, and Nicola Marigo, eldest daughter of the late Mr J.D. Pugh and Mrs K.M. Pugh, of Hythe, Kent.

Mr R.H. Faber and Miss K.A. Pickin

The engagement is announced between Robert, younger son of Mr and Mrs Jack Faber, of Funtington, West Sussex and Hong Kong, and Kim, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Pickin, of Windsor, Berkshire.

Mr J.R. Gage and Miss A.M.R. McKenzie

The engagement is announced between John, younger son of Mr and Mrs W.L. Gage, of Pinner, Middlesex, and Alexandra, younger daughter of Dr and Mrs K.T.C. McKenzie, of Solihull, West Midlands.

Mr R.A. Jennings and Miss S.F. Whitfield

The engagement is announced between Robert, son of the Rev John and Mrs Jennings, of Ingersoll, Ontario, Canada, and Sarah, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Ray Whitfield, of Kensington.

Mr T.R.W. Lapage-Norris and Miss H.N. Verney

The engagement is announced between Thomas, eldest son of Captain T.E. Lapage-Norris, of Worton, Wiltshire, and Mrs S.R. Lapage-Norris, of Lussac, Dordogne, France, and Henrietta, younger daughter of Major P.V.L. Verney, of Chalford Hill, Gloucestershire, and Mrs C. Verney, of Ewen, Gloucestershire.

Mr M.B. Michelson and Miss D.M. Vickers

The engagement is announced between Muir, elder son of Mr and Mrs J.B. Michelson, of Douglas, Isle of Man, and Debi, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs P. Vickers, of Greeba Bridge, Isle of Man.

Mr J. Wyn-Evans and Miss P.G. King

The engagement is announced between John, only son of the late Dr R.J. Evans and Mrs Gwenfor George and stepson of Mr David Lloyd George, of Swansea, and Philippa Gabrielle, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Philip King, of Barnes, London.

Sale room echoes to falling records and rising hisses

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

Christie's have launched London's week of Impressionist and modern picture sales with an explosion of new high prices.

Nevertheless, New York's *glitterati* had not followed the market to London and were not available to soak up the indifferent pictures at the crazy price levels of two weeks ago. A big contingent of buyers from Japan, some on the telephone and some in person, went a little way to make up for the American absense on the prettier, more colourful works.

Besides the £7.7million Manet, the £1.1million for Leger's "Les Trois Personnages" of 1920 gave the biggest hoist to the market, doubling pre-sale estimates and setting a new auction price record for the artist.

It was bought over the telephone from Japan. By comparion, the rich low-life scene by Toulouse-Lautrec at £1.76million (estimate £1.5m-£2m) seems modest. Presumably the European dealer who bought it takes the same view and is hoping to resell it for more.

The main sale was not without mishap. The hammer fell for Mondrian's "Composition with red, yellow and blue" at £600,000 to a buyer on the telephone. Jan Krugier, the Geneva dealer, then protested that his follow-on bid had been ignored. The telephone by that time had been disconnected; the bidder had to be tracked down and the picture reoffered.

Krugier then offered an extra £5,000 and an argument broke out as to whether the auctioneer would accept so small an increment. In ignorance of the argument the anxious collector on the telephone came in with a £700,000 bid. The hammer fell again and the assembled dealers expressed their feelings, by hissing, that the telephone bidder had been cheated out of £100,000 by the confusion.

Yesterday morning the collection of Mr and Mrs Philip Goldberg, a charming private collection of lesser paintings and sculptures, removed from their home in Eaton Square, was greeted with extraordinary enthusiasm and made almost double the auctioneer's estimate at £4.2million with every lot finding a buyer.

A small Matisse, "Jeune fille en robe blanche", soared to £429,000 (estimate £120,000-£150,000) while a Matisse bronze, "Head of Jeanette II" made £231,000 (estimate £70,000-£90,000). The Van Gogh Foundation in Amsterdam complemented the Goldbergs' taste by spending £82,500 (estimate £50,000-£60,000) to secure a Van Gogh drawing made in Drenthe in 1883, "Le lever du soleil".

Sotheby's yesterday sold the manuscript of a thirteenth century Bible, illuminated in Normandy, for the ninth time. The price history is revealing: 1745 £3.6s, 1776 £1.6s, 1844 £15.10s, 1891 £104, 1898 £302, 1906 £630, 1909 £190, 1975 £15,000 and 1986 £176,000.

It was bought on this occasion by Maggs, the London dealers. The best manuscripts in Sotheby's sale fetched prices that were slightly lower than expected while middle range and cheaper items were hotly competed for. The top price in the sale was £198,000 (estimate £200,000-£300,000) for a Paris *Book of Hours* of about 1412, while a Hungarian prayer book of around 1425 secured £88,000 (estimate £30,000-£50,000). The sale totalled £1,408,418 with less than one per cent left unsold.

The four sessions of sales devoted to the collection of the Comtesse Mona Bismarck by Sotheby's in Monaco finished yesterday with a total of £2.3million and only one per cent unsold.

Memorial service

Prince Georg of Denmark

The Queen was represented by the Earl of Airlie and the Duke of Edinburgh by General Sir Peter Whiteley at a memorial service for Prince Georg of Denmark held in Westminster Abbey on Monday. Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother was present.

The Queen of Denmark and the Prince of Denmark attended. The King of Norway was represented by the Norwegian Ambassador. The Prince of Wales was represented by Sir John Riddell and Princess Margaret by the Hon Mrs Wills. Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester and the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester were present. The Duke and Duchess of Kent were represented by Lieutenant-Commander Sir Richard Buckley. Prince Michael of Kent attended and Princess Alexandra was represented by the Hon Angus Ogilvy.

King Michael and Queen Anne of Rumania and King Constantine and Queen Anne-Marie of the Hellenes attended. The Crown Prince of Norway was represented Captain Senior Grade Tor Nikolaisen. Princess Margaretha of Sweden and Mr John Ambler, Princess Margarita of Baden and the Crown Prince and Crown Princess Alexander of Yugoslavia were present.

The Dean of Westminster, the Very Rev Michael Mayne, officiated, assisted by the Rev Alan Luff, precentor. Lady Elizabeth Shakerley, stepdaughter, read from John Bunyan's *Pilgrim's Progress* and the Earl of Lichfield (stepson) from the works of Canon Henry Scott Holland. The Bishop of Brechin, Primus of Scotland, and the Rev Poul Erik Fabricius, Chaplain of the Danish Church, said prayers.

The Regimental Colours of the Royal Danish Life Guards were carried in procession by First Lieutenant E. Roug and WO1 P.S. Larsen and placed on the High Altar by the Dean. Prince Georg's Orders and Decorations were borne through the quire to the sacrarium by Mr Albert Nice and Petty Officer C. Anker. The Right Rev Edward Knapp-Fisher, the Rev B. Larsen, Danish Seamen's Church, Canon Sebastian Charles, Canon Trevor Beeson and Canon Anthony Harvey were robed and in the sacrarium.

The Lord Mayor of Westminster attended and among others present were:

Sir Geoffrey Shakerley (stepson-in-law), Miss Fiona Shakerley (stepgranddaughter), Count and Countess Flemming of Rosenborg (brother and sister-in-law), Mr Peter Somerset (brother-in-law), Count Christian of Rosenborg, Miss Katherine Somervell, Mr and Mrs Kogevinas, Mr S M and Lady Mary Clayton, Major Sir John Wiggin, Mr B H E Wiggin.

Members of the Diplomatic Corps, the Duke of Fife, Rodelle Duchess of Leinster, the Countess of Lichfield, the Countess of Scarbrough, Countess Beauchamp, the Earl and Countess of Inchcape, Countess St Aldwyn, Viscount Craigavon (House of Lords representative of the Anglo-Danish Parliamentary Group), Viscount and Viscountess Slim, Lord and Lady Glamis, Lord and Lady Kilpearn, Lord and Lady Grimthorpe, Lord and Lady McFadzean, Lady Lyell, Lady Angela Oswald, the Hon Hugh and Mrs O'Neill, the Hon Diana Makgill, Sir Anthony Meyer, MP, and Lady Meyer, Sir Andrew Stark (Anglo-Danish Society), Sir Philip and the Hon Lady de Zulueta, Sir Douglas Dodds-Parker (Special Forces Club) with Sir Brooks Richards and Group Captain H B Verity; Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Eric Penn, Sir Colin Cole, Sir Seymour Egerton, Dame Anne Warburton, Mr George and Lady Gillian Kertesz, Mr Marmaduke and Lady Susan Hussey, Mr Michael and the Hon Mrs Cunningham.

Dr Alan Glyn, MP (House of Commons representative Anglo-Danish Parliamentary Group), Colonel G D Burgess (Association of Military Attachés) and Mrs Burgess, Lieutenant-Colonel G J W Malet (Foreign Liaison Section, Ministry of Defence), Lieutenant-Colonel J T Sutherland (Edzell Golf Club) and Mrs Sutherland, Rear-Admiral M D Kyrle Pope (Hertfordshire Society) and Mrs Kyrle Pope, Miss Lise Schouboe (Danish YWCA in London).

Oundle School

The Oundle Appeal for £1 million launched on October 2, reached £500,000 on November 26. Work on the sports hall began on December 1 and conversion of the gymnasium into a library will start next July. The Director of the Appeal is Mr Roger Freebairn and the Appeal Office is in Church Street, Oundle, (0832-73434).

Rosemead School Littlehampton

Dr Margaret Rule, Research Director of the Mary Rose Trust, will open the new sixth form house at Rosemead School, Littlehampton, on Saturday, December 6, at 10.30 am. The chairman of governors welcomes all old girls, parents and friends to attend the ceremony.

Lancaster Ball

The Lancaster Ball will be held at the Savoy Hotel on New Year's Eve. Music will be by Johnny Howard's Moonlight Serenaders and Ricky Valente and the cabaret is by The Pegasus Band of The Parachute Regiment. Tickets, at £100 per person, including a champagne reception and five course gala dinner, are available from The Savoy Hotel's New Year's Eve office. Telephone: 01-836 4343.

Appointments

Latest appointments include:
Mr Bradford Morse, formerly administrator of the United Nations development programme, to be a member of the Hunger Project Trust's global board of directors.
Miss Jessica Pulay, of Christ Church, to be President of the Oxford Union Society for Trinity Term, 1987.

Science report

Wider vision of road safety

By Peter Brock

The complex sequence of visual and mental events that lead to a child becoming involved in a road accident – or escaping – is being unravelled by research workers at Leeds University. Their results question present assumptions about the competence of young children to notice approaching vehicles and make decisions about crossing the road.

Casualty figures show the vulnerability of children between the ages of 5 and 14; nearly 30,000 child pedestrians are involved in road accidents each year and last year 5,656 were killed or seriously injured.

It has been assumed that the peripheral vision in six-year-olds has a much narrower range than that of 11-year-olds, which is similar to that of adults; and that because boys are almost twice as likely to be involved in traffic accidents than girls, females have better peripheral vision than males.

Dr Siriol David, Professor Tony Chapman, Dr Hugh Foot and Dr Noel Sheehy investigated the role of peripheral vision in children. Sixty-four volunteers aged from seven to 23 (the adults were controls in the experiment) were shown a sets of lights positioned around a semi-circle, functioning randomly at extreme and mid-peripheral vision. Their attention was focused at the centre of the semi-circle and they had to report the incidence of light changes at either periphery.

The seven-year-olds were less reliable than the others in detecting when the lights changed, being poor with movements in the extreme periphery. But when they did detect change, they were no slower than the others. Their best scores occurred in the left visual field. There were no differences in performance between the sexes.

The second experiment, using film, involved real traffic. Again attention was focused on a point ahead of the subjects at the centre of the screen, the traffic action being confined to either periphery.

The results did not provide evidence that younger children, particularly boys, are relatively poor at responding to visual peripheral activity.

Dr David and her colleagues say that the experiments suggest there are few substantial differences in the peripheral vision of children and adults, although the missing of some movements by the seven-year-olds has serious implications for their safety on the road.

As for making decisions to cross the road, the evidence suggests that they are more cautious than adults, which flies against the interpretation of casualty figures.

Dr David points out that the adults made their decisions to cross more rapidly than the children, giving themselves more time, so that greater caution cannot be assumed among children. They simply leave themselves narrower safety margins.

Source: *The British Journal of Psychology*, 1986.77.4.

OBITUARY

DR JOHN GIBBONS

Adventurous scientist

Dr John Gibbons, zoologist, who discovered the crested iguana, died in a boating accident off the South Pacific island of Lakeba on November 15. He was 40.

John Richard Hutchinson Gibbons was born at Dunmow, Essex, on June 3, 1946, a member of a brewing family. It is recalled how, as a child, he knocked on a neighbour's door at dawn, asking to be let in to catch a rare butterfly he had spied through their bedroom window.

He was educated at Bloxham and at Sheffield University. He then went to Ontario, where he worked for a time on the conservation of inland fish-stocks. With the zoologist Jane Goodall he then went to a jungle outpost in Tanzania, spending the next year studying chimpanzees.

But he found this a lonely job and departed for Adelaide, where he took his doctorate, before moving to a lecturing post at the University of the South Pacific in Fiji. His colleagues there found him an inspired teacher.

He first achieved note among fellow zoologists for an elegant paper on the fly insect, megarhyssa. But his major achievement came in 1982 with the discovery of the crested iguana (brachylophus vitiensis), a hitherto unrecorded species, on the remote Pacific island of Yadatuaba. Gibbons gave it a Fijian name: vokai votovoto.

As a result of his efforts to safeguard these rare lizards the island became Fiji's first wildlife sanctuary.

Though his interest in the region's herpetofauna never waned, he turned his attention to studying the arrival of man in the islands. With a colleague, Fergus Clunie, he published a paper in the journal *Pacific History* challenging the accepted view that the islands were first colonised no more than 4,000 years ago.

Gibbons maintained that man had in fact arrived much earlier, and that evidence of this had been swept away by changes in sea levels brought about by ice-age glacial movements. At the time of his death he had secured financial assistance from the National Geographical Society to research this theory.

Gibbons was an abrasive and determined man with a zest for debate. He was a good fisherman, and amassed a fascinating collection of shells.

He married his Chinese wife, Lily Wong, in 1981. She, with their son and daughter, perished with him.

DR HERBERT ROSENFELD

Dr Herbert Rosenfeld, psychoanalyst, died on November 29. He was 76.

Herbert Alexander Rosenfeld was born at Nürnberg on July 2, 1910. He qualified as a doctor in Munich in 1934, but being a Jew was not allowed to practice.

He emigrated to England in 1935, and was soon working at the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary. Later, he worked at the Maudsley Hospital and the Tavistock Clinic, London.

At the end of the Second World War he trained to become a psychoanalyst with M. Klein. After qualifying, he soon became a training analyst, working mainly in private practice. He also taught at the Institute of Psychoanalysis for more than 30 years.

His main interest was in the treatment of psychotics. In this field his work has to be acknowledged as that of a pioneer. Together with W. R. Bion, H. Segal and others he belonged to the group of psychoanalysts who had the chance to work with Klein during the most creative period of her career.

In 1946 Klein published her famous paper, "Notes on Some Schizoid Mechanisms". Using her insight and clinical experience, but also his own intuition and outstanding clinical talent, Rosenfeld published in 1947 a case history called "Analysis of a Schizophrenic State with Depersonalisation".

This made history because it was the first detailed description of a psychotic patient successfully treated by psychoanalysis alone. At that time Rosenfeld faced not only the scepticism and hostility of the psychiatric establishment, but also the opposition of colleagues belonging to a different school of thought.

Yet, comforted by his first success and by the creative atmosphere of the Klein group, he continued his work, soon achieving an international reputation. He was several times invited to North and South America, and gave lectures and seminars all over Europe, until the last month of his life.

In 1965 he published his first collection of papers in a book called *Psychotic States*, which was immediately acknowledged as a classic and translated into several languages. His further contributions focused mainly on problems of technique, on psychosomatic conditions and borderline cases in general.

Particularly important are his researches into the destructive aspects of narcissism. A book called *Impasse and Interpretations into the Psychoanalytic Process*, is due to appear next year.

Tall and thin, but also strong, Rosenfeld had a warm character and a subtle sense of humour, though at times he might appear a little distant. He belonged to the generation of Middle European artists, intellectuals and scientists with which Hitler's madness enriched their countries of refuge.

He leaves a wife, Lottie, two daughters and a son.

DESI ARNAZ

Desi Arnaz, who was Lucille Ball's partner in one of television's most enduring sitcoms, and also at the time her husband, died yesterday. He was 69.

In the *I Love Lucy* series he played Ricky Ricardo, the dashing Cuban bandleader bedevilled by a zany wife (Ball).

He was born in Cuba on March 2, 1917, and his full name was Desiderio Alberto Arnaz y de Acha III. His maternal grandfather was one of the founders of Bacardi Rum. But the Cuban revolution of 1933 destroyed his family's wealth, and he fled to the United States where his first job was cleaning birdcages in Florida.

In 1938 he formed his own small band and appeared at Miami's La Conga Club, where he introduced the conga dance that became a national craze. He then moved to New York, where he was soon cast in the Broadway musical *Too Many Girls*.

An RKO executive signed him to appear in the movie version of the show, which starred Miss Ball. They were married soon after the film was completed.

Arnaz then toured the country with his own band while his wife remained in films. During the Second World War he was in the Army for three years.

After the war, he formed another touring band and became musical director of Bob Hope's network radio show. Both he and Lucille Ball were intrigued by television and, when CBS offered to present the husband-wife team as the stars of *I Love Lucy*, they readily agreed. By 1955, they had bought RKO and become the most successful comedy producers in television.

As well as being a natural comedian, Arnaz was an astute businessman and a pioneer in television comedy, introducing the three-camera technique employed in most sitcoms to this day.

He and Lucille Ball established a television company called Desilu, which owned three Hollywood studios. For almost a decade they reigned as the king and queen of television, and were also leading Hollywood socialites.

Arnaz was the driving force behind the success of Desilu, but in 1960 the popularity of its shows waned, as did the Arnaz-Ball relationship. Both the business and their marriage ended that year. In 1963 he married Edith Mack Hirsch.

During his retirement he spent most of his time watching the performance of his thoroughbreds at race meetings. In 1968 he was national chairman of the "Viva Nixon" committee. His autobiography, *A Book*, was published in 1976.

LADY HERMON

R. J. A. writes:

Your obituary notice (November 19) recording the death of Jean Hermon, the wife of the Chief Constable of the Royal Ulster Constabulary, referred briefly to her work for the families of police officers who had been killed or disabled. Her contribution in this field was selfless and quite outstanding.

As president of the RUC Widows' Association she made it her personal task not only to visit the widow or parents of every police officer killed on duty (more than 100 during the past six years) but also, most importantly, to keep in touch with them subsequently.

In addition, she spent a great deal of time visiting in hospital the much larger number of officers who have been seriously injured, and often permanently disabled, in terrorist incidents. This was a job which was both physically and emotionally exhausting, calling for courage as well as understanding and tact.

Jean brought to it a combination of warmth and humour, and an unfailing sensitivity which earned the gratitude and affection of all those whom she set out to comfort and console.

The work was done entirely without ostentation or publicity, but was widely recognized and appreciated in the force and the community.

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PERSONAL COLUMNS

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES DEATHS

Listen to me, distant nations, you people who live far away! Before I was born the Lord chose me and appointed me to be his servant.
Isaiah 49 . 1

BIRTHS

BEALE - On November 27th, to Eleanor (née Vickers) and Christopher, a son John Henry, a brother for Sarah, James and Emma.

BUCHAN - On November 20th to Amanda and Toby, a son, John Alasdair Gawain.

CAMPBELL - On 30th November, to Sabrina (née Walbeoffe-Wilson) and Douglas, a son, Billy, a brother for Tanya and Jack.

FAFALIOS - On 29th November, at Mount Alvernia Hospital, Guildford, to Victoria (nee Parnell) and Mark, a son, George Mark

GASTON - On November 23rd, to Jane (née Tyndall) and David, a son, Benjamin David.

GEORGE - On November 27th, at Kings College Hospital, to Monica and Anthony, a son, Guy, a brother to Abigail and Lauren.

GRIMSHAW - On December 1st, in Dover, to Rachel (nee Kinnaird) and Ewing, a daughter, Katie Elizabeth.

MARTIN SMITH - On November 29th 1986, to Jenny and Andrew, twin daughters.

MOFFATT - On November 30th (St Andrews Day), to Sarah Jane (née Calling) and Alexander Robert, a son, Alexander George.

PAVER - On November 29th, at Malton Hospital, to Tina (née Burke) and Stuart a son (Jason)

ROBERTS - On November 28th, at Foresterhill Hospital, Aberdeen, to Jacqui (née Anthony-Jackman) and David, a daughter Bryony Charlotte, a sister for Philippa, Stewart, Samantha and Rachael.

SCHIPPER - On November 27th, London, a Thanksgiving baby boy, Christopher George Troy Jr. brother to Oliver, son to Dudley and Chris, grandson to Christopher and Leslie Branda, Cornelis and Sabine Schipper.

TIMONEY - On November 29th 1986, in Neuilly, to Ines (née Vergara) and Charles, a son, Sebastian Craig Sylvain.

TUCKER - On December 2nd, to Catherine (née Scott-Maiden) and Paul, of Malvern, a daughter Laura Mary.

WILDSMITH - On November 29th, at Basingstoke District Hopital, to Stella (née Dyson) and Max, a daughter, Katie Louise.

WINTER - On November 22nd at Wythenshawe Hospital, to Patricia (née Sellers) and Marcus a daughter Victoria Claire, a sister for Rebecca.

DEATHS

AMERY - On 27th November, in his 83rd year, peacefully at Sidmouth, Devon, Richard Gregory, 3rd son of Frederick and Charlotte of Bath. Beloved husband of Linda, dearly loved father of Philip, Christopher and Heather. Loving father in law of Caroline and Kate and much loved grandfather of Caroline, Fiona, Timothy, Nicola, Benjamin, Daniel, Edward and Nicholas. Funeral Service Salcombe Regis on 5th December at 2.30 pm. Flowers for the Church. No Wreaths please. A Memorial Service will be held at St. Nicholas' Church, Winsley nr Bradford on Avon on 15th December at noon at which all will be welcome.

BADDILEY - On November 29th, suddenly, Ronald Baddiley, dearly loved husband of Noreen, much loved father of Francesca and Nicole and 'Pa' to Emma and Ramon. Service and cremation on Thursday 4th December at 1.45 pm, Breakspear Crematorium, Ruislip. All enquiries to W S Bond Ltd 01 567 0422.

BIRD - On November 28th, peacefully after an illness bravely borne in hospital, Major Leonard Stewart (Dickie) Bird aged 68, of Octavia Road, Isleworth, Middlesex. Former Major of the 23rd King's African Rifles and ex-Commando. Funeral Service at South West Middlesex Crematorium on Thursday December 4th at 11am.

BOIVIE - On November 30th 1986, at Bournemouth, Helen Margaret, aged 80 years. Wife of the late Carl Gustav Boivie and formerly of 15 Holland Park, W11. Funeral service Thursday December 4th at 11.45am at Bournemouth Crematorium. Family flowers only.

CURRAN - On 2nd December 1986, Paul, at Wimbledon. Requiem Mass at 10 am on Tuesday 9th December at Sacred Heart Church, Edge Hill, Wimbledon SW19. Putney Vale Crematorium at 11 am. Family flowers, donations to Heart Foundation.

CURTIS - On November 28th, Richard Ralsloun Constable, will be sadly missed by his family and friends. Service at St Francis Church, High Wycombe on Friday 5th December at 11.15 am, followed by cremation at the Chilterns Crematorium, Amersham, Bucks. No flowers please, but donations may be sent to the Leukaemia Research Fund, 43 Great Ormond St, WC1, if desired.

ELKINGTON - On November 30th, at Malvern, Grace Mary, aged 93. Wife of the late Col. C.G. Elkington, D.S.O., D.L.. Much loved mother of Nonie, Joan and Tricia, grandmother and great grandmother. Funeral Service at Worcester Crematorium on Thursday December 4th at 11.30 am. No flowers please, but donations to the Red Cross, Green Hill, Worcester, if desired.

FRICKER - On November 29, peacefully at home amongst his family, Edward George Fricker, aged 76 years, the world famous healer, after a life time devoted to healing the sick. Funeral Service at St Paul's, Camlet Way, Hadley Wood, Herts, at 11.30 am on Monday December 8 1986, followed by interment at New Southgate Cemetery, Brunswick Park Road N11. Flowers may be sent to Nethercott & Son, 150 Darkes Lane, Potters Bar, Herts, by 10.00 am on December 8.

GOVETT - On December 2nd 1986, at Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford, Muriel Hope (Peta), widow of Francis Govett. Funeral Service on Friday 5th December, at Woking St John's Crematorium, at 3.30pm. Enquiries to G Boutell & Son, Funeral Directors. Tel: Byfleet 45037.

HAIG - On November 30th, at Crawley Hospital after a short illness, Geoffrey Alexander Haig O.B.E. aged 77, late I.C.S of Oxted. A much loved brother and uncle. Funeral Service at St Peter's Church, Tandridge, near Oxted, Surrey on Tuesday 9th December at 2.00 pm followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, donations, in lieu for Cancer Research c/o Ebbutt Funeral Service, Limpsfield, Oxted. 713767

HERVEY-BATHURST - On November 30th 1986, Elizabeth Violet Virginia, aged 64. Private funeral at Eastnor on 4th December. Memorial Service at St Michael's Church, Ledbury at 3pm on Friday 12th December. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to Eastnor Parish Council Fabric Fund, c/o Stale Office, Eastnor, Ledbury.

KERR - On December 1st 1986, peacefully in the City Hospital, Lady Christina, wife of the late Col. Sir Howard Kerr, of Melbourne, Derbyshire. Requiem Mass, Friday 5th December at Melbourne Catholic Church at 1.30 pm., followed by interment at Melbourne Cemetery. Family flowers only please, but if desired donations to Cafod c/o H.J. Purday, 22 Chapel St., Melbourne, Derbyshire. Tel:(03316) 2576.

KIRKBY - On December 1st 1986, peacefully at Beaumontcote, Barton-on-Humber, Laurence (Laurie), dearly loved husband of Ruth and a very dear father, grandfather and great grandfather. Private funeral. Memorial Service to take place at St Mary's Church, Barton-on-Humber on Friday December 5th at 1.30 pm. Donations, if desired for Cancer Research Fund to Huteson & Sons, Funeral Directors, 25 Holydyke, Barton-on-Humber.

MANN - On November 29th, Alfred Leonard, FRICS, aged 86, husband of Gwen and father of Clive and Bridget, of Hurley, Atherstone, Warwickshire, formerly of St. Albans, Herts. Funeral at 12.30 pm, Thursday 4th December at Hurley Church.

MARJORIBANKS - On November 26th 1986, suddenly Ian Douglas, of Duxhurst Place, Reigate. Funeral Service at The Surrey and Sussex Crematorium on Friday 5th December at 2 30 pm. Flowers may be sent to: Stonemans Funeral Service, Doran Court, Redhill.

MORTELMAN - On November 30th 1986, Derek John. Requiem Mass St. Etheldreda's, Ely Place, Holborn on Thursday 4th December at 11.30 am for family and friends only. To be followed by a private cremation at a later date. No flowers. Donations. If desired, to St. Etheldreda's. The date of a Memorial Service will be announced in due course.

PARSONS - On November 30th, Yvonne, at Little Gaddesden, widow of Charles and mother of Patricia and Yvonne (Binnie). Funeral at 12.30 Friday 5th December at Amersham Crematorium. No flowers. Donations to R.N.I.B Talking Book Service.

PINCHIN - On Saturday 29th November, Barbara Mabel, only daughter of the late Duncan and Mabel Pinchin of Brockenhurst and late of Martins, Brook, suddenly at Paul's Place, Sway, Hants. Funeral arrangements Diamond & Son, Lymington Tel: 0590 72060. Family flowers only, but donations, if desired, to Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice, Farnham, Surrey

REES - On Saturday November 29th 1986, Muriel Lilian, widow of Dr H G St Michael Rees F.R.C., G.P. Barrister at Law. Mother of Humphrey Rees and Judith Middleton-Stewart. The Funeral Service takes place at All Saints, Worlington, Suffolk, on Friday 12th December at 3pm. No flowers.

RODGER - On 28th November 1986, suddenly in hospital, Alistair of 71 Fulmer Drive, Gerrards Cross. Dearly loved husband of Doreen, much loved father of Martine and Rory and son of Catherine. Funeral on Thursday 4th December at 2.30 pm. Chilterns Crematorium, Amersham. Family flowers only

ROSENFELD - On November 29th 1986, peacefully in hospital, Dr Herbert Alexander, aged 76 years. Funeral at Golders Green Crematorium at 12 noon on Thursday 4th December. Flowers to Leverton & Sons Ltd. 212 Eversholt Street, London NW1, by 10am.

ROSSER - On November 30th, in a car accident, Dr Michael Rosser, aged 24 years of Dolgarreg, Solva, Dyfed, dearly loved son of Tom Hywel and Barbara and loving brother of Sally. Funeral Service at Parc Gwyn Crematorium, Narberth on Friday December 5th at 3.30 pm.

ROWLANDS - On November 28th 1986, peacefully Jane aged 79 years, beloved wife of Richie, dearly loved mother of Susan and grandmother of Rupert, Phyllida, Edward, Susannah and Camilla. Funeral service at The Putney Vale Cemetery, Kingston Road SW 15, Monday 8th December at 1.45pm. Floral tributes if desired, to E. Larner & Sons Ltd. 117 Falcon Road, London SW11 2PE Tel : 01 223 5432 or donations to League of Friends at Westminster Hospital.

RYELAND - On November 29th 1986, Edna May, widow of Jim, formerly of Marine Court, Dover, adored and loved by all her family. Service at Barham Crematorium at 11.30, Thursday December 4th. No flowers, but donations may be sent to the Pilgrims Hospice, 56 London Road, Canterbury CT2 8JY.

TERRY - on November 27th, peacefully in hospital, Evelyn Mary Bradshaw, beloved wife of Douglas and much loved mother and grandmother of Moorlands, Mullion, Helston, Cornwall. Cremation has taken place.

THOMAS - On November 28th 1986, Martyn Beaumont Thomas of Green Farm, East Tuddenham, Norfolk, dearly loved son and stepson of Margaret and Edmund Tuplin of Humberston, South Humberside and much loved brother of Jennifer and Peter Mellows of Nottingham. Funeral Service and interment at All Saints Church, East Tuddenham on Monday December 8th at 2 pm. Flowers may be sent to Messrs R J Bartram & Son, Funeral Directors, Wymondham, Norfolk please.

THOMPSON - On 30th November 1986, suddenly at Kinnersley Castle, Margaret Angela, formerly of Weedon Lois, Towcester, aged 84 years. Widow of Samuel George Thompson and loved mother of Robert and Edward. Private cremation. Memorial Service at Kinnerton Parish Church, tomorrow, Thursday 4th December at 2.30 pm. Flowers please to Dawe Bros., Westfaling Street, Hereford.

TOMPSETT - On December 1st in hospital at Dorchester, Rex Tompsett MA(Oxon), youngest child of Percy and Ida Tompsett of Marden, Kent, aged 78. Much loved uncle, granduncle and great-grand-uncle of his 7 nephews and their families. Lieut. Cdr. RNVR 1940-45. Housemaster, Courtenay House, Kelly College and Wollaston House, Hardye's School; Choir Master, St Peter's Church, Dorchester and President Western Counties Schools Hockey Association. No funeral at his request. Any donations to Help the Aged, Freepost, London, EC1B 1BD.

TRUSCOTT - On November 28th 1986, peacefully at her home after an illness courageously borne. Jean Mela, devoted mother of Dr. Peter H Waterfield. Funeral Service at Ipswich Crematorium, North Chapel, Friday December 5th at 1.00 pm. No flowers by request, but donations if desired to the MacMillan Nursing Fund or the Samaritans, c/o Michael Smy, Funeral Director, 145 Felixstowe Road, Ipswich.

WARREN - On Monday December 1st, after a short illness, Dick (aka Charles and 'Pop'), much loved father of John and Michael. Funeral Service at 11 am on Monday 8th December at St John's Wood Church, NW8 and afterwards, at Milespit Hill Cemetery, NW7. Flowers to E.A. Langley Ltd, 35 Chippenham Rd, London W9. Donations to Motor Neurone Disease Assoc. 38 Hazelwood Rd, Northampton.

WILLIAMS - On November 30th 1986, T. Gwynne M.D., F.R.C. Psych., at home, Hafan, Brookhouse Road, Denbigh. Much loved husband of Peg, father of Ann, Pete and Robin and dearly loved Taid. Funeral service at St Marcella's Church Denbigh, on Thursday December 4th at 2pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, donations in lieu, may be sent to the Gwynne Williams Memorial Fund, c/o National Westminster Bank, Vale St. Denbigh. Enquiries Denbigh 2061.

WILLIAMS - On November 29th 1986, peacefully in hospital, Olive Marion aged 85 years. Beloved sister of Madeleine in Australia. Funeral Service St. Mary the Virgin Church, High Street, Oxford on Friday December 5th at 2 pm. Family flowers only. Enquiries to Edward Carter (Funeral Director), 2 Herons Walk, Abingdon. Tel: 0235 20958.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

ARMELIN - A Memorial Service for L E (Micky) Armelin will take place at 12 noon on Monday 15th December at St Benedict's Abbey, Charlbury Grove, Ealing, London W5

HILL - A Memorial Service for Anthony E Ledger Hill O.B.E., D.L. will be held at Romsey Abbey on Monday 8th December 1986 at 11.30 am.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

COOPER - Giles Cooper, playwright, remembered with love on this 20th sad anniversary

GOLDSTEIN - To darling Doris on her birthday. Always, C.

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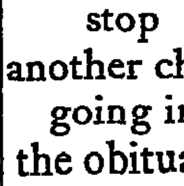

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PASTORAL MEASURE 1983

The Church Commissioners have prepared draft pastoral schemes providing for making a declaration of redundancy in respect of the parish church of Saint John the Divine, Dunton Green being one of the two parish churches of the parish of Riverhead with Dunton Green (Rochester diocese); for uniting the benefice and parish of Immanuel with Saint Anselm, Streatham and the benefice and parish of Saint Andrew, Lower Streatham and for making a declaration of redundancy in respect of the parish church of the parish of Saint Andrew, Lower Streatham (Southwark diocese); for making a declaration of redundancy in respect of Saint Michael and All Angels, Brownsover in the parish of Rugby and for its care and maintenance by the Redundant Churches Fund (Coventry diocese); and for making a declaration of redundancy in respect of the parish church of the parish of Woolaston with Alvington and for the church of Saint Andrew, Alvington to be substituted as the parish church of the said parish (Gloucester diocese). Copies of the draft scheme may be obtained from the Church Commissioners, 1 Millbank, London SW1P 3JZ to whom any representations should be sent within 28 days of the publication of this notice.

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE MATTER OF UNIQUE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the creditors of the above-named Company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 22nd day of December 1986, to send in their full Christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned David Swaden FCA of 46 Rodney Street, Liverpool, L1 9AA, the Liquidator of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
DATED this 21st day of November 1986.
D SWADEN
LIQUIDATOR

HEDONCREST CARE LIMITED.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 588 of the Companies Act, 1985, that a MEETING of the creditors of the above named Company will be held at the offices of LEONARD CURTIS & CO., situated at 30 EASTBOURNE TERRACE, LONDON, W2 6LF on Wednesday the 10th day of December 1986 at 12.00 o'clock midday, for the purposes provided for in Sections 589 and 590.
DATED the 25th day of November 1986
H. CHAYTOW
DIRECTOR

SARDAN LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 588 of the Companies Act, 1985, that a MEETING of the creditors of the above named Company will be held at the offices of LEONARD CURTIS & CO., situated at 30 EASTBOURNE TERRACE, LONDON, W2 6LF on Thursday the 11th day of December 1986 at 10.30 o'clock fore noon, for the purposes provided for in Sections 589 and 590.
DATED the 25th day of November 1986.
B.A. PESKIN
DIRECTOR

PARLIAMENTARY NOTICES

IN PARLIMENT
SESSION 1986-87
ASSOCIATED BRITISH PORTS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that application is being made to Parliament in the present Session by Associated British Ports ("A.B. Ports") for leave to introduce a Bill under the above name or short title for purposes of which the following is a concise summary:-

1. Construction in the City of Plymouth, in Devon, of Work No.1: consisting of the reclamation and filling in of the eastern side of the Inner Basin at Plymouth (Millbay) Docks.

2. Special provisions in connection with the construction of the intended works, including provisions for the renewal, alteration, replacement or relaying thereof, and for subsidiary works.

3. Acquisition of lands and easements or rights over lands for the purposes of the intended works; special provision as to entry and compensation and incorporation of certain provisions, including extinction or suspension of private rights of way over lands to be purchased or used.

4. To confer powers on A.B. Ports for the making of byelaws in relation to the river Humber (including part of the rivers Ouse and Trent) in respect of matters concerning conservancy, protection, regulation, maintenance and improvement of the Humber and the prevention of collisions therein.

5. Provision for duly authorised persons employed on behalf of A.B. Ports at its harbours, docks and piers to be duly authorised officers of A.B. Ports for the purpose of byelaws.

6. Provisions of a general nature, including the incorporation and application of certain provisions, applicable to or in consequence of the intended Act.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a copy of the Bill and of the plan and sections of the proposed works, with an indication of the land which may be acquired or used compulsorily, together with a book of reference to such plan, have been deposited for public inspection with the Chief Executive, Devon County Council, County Hall, Topsham Road, Exeter, EX2 4QD, and with the Chief Executive and Town Clerk, Plymouth City Council, Civic Centre, Royal Parade, Plymouth, PL1 2EW.

On and after the 4th day of December 1986, a copy of the Bill may be inspected and copies obtained at a price of 50p each at the undermentioned offices and at the office of the Port Manager, Port Office, Millbay Docks, Plymouth, Devon PL1 3EF.

Objection to the Bill may be made by depositing a Petition against it. If the Bill originates in the House of Commons, the latest date for depositing such a Petition in the Private Bill Office of that House will be the 30th January 1987. If it originates in the House of Lords, the latest date for depositing such a Petition in the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments in that House will be the 6th February 1987. Further information may be obtained from the Office of the Clerk of the Parliaments in the House of Commons or the undermentioned Parliamentary Agents.
DATED this 3rd day of December 1986.
R.V. PEARCE,
Associated British Ports,
150 Holborn,
London, EC1N 2LR.
Solicitor.
SHERWOOD & CO.,
Queen Anne's Chambers,
3 Dean Farrar Street,
Westminster,
London, SW1H 9LG.
Parliamentary Agents.

PARLIAMENTARY NOTICES

IN PARLIAMENT
SESSION 1986-87
LONDON REGIONAL TRANSPORT

Notice is hereby given that application is being made to Parliament in the present Session by London Regional Transport ("the Corporation") for leave to introduce a Bill under the above name or short title for purposes of which the following is a concise summary.

To empower the Corporation and London Underground Limited ("the Company") to construct works and acquire lands and for other purposes, as follows:-

1. Construction of the following works in Greater London -

Works to be constructed by the Company -

Work No. 1 - A subway and lift shaft at the Company's Angel station in the London borough of Islington:

Works Nos. 2 and 3 - Two railways (244 metres and 227 metres in length), being additional sidings south and north respectively of the Company's Finchley Central Station in the London borough of Barnet.:

Work No. 4 - A railway (210 metres in length), being additional sidings in the Company's Stonebridge Park Depot in the London borough of Brent:

Works to be constructed by the Corporation -

Work No. 5 - A railway (410 metres in length) at Pudding Mill Lane in the London borough of Newham to form part of Work No. 1 being constructed under the London Docklands Railway Act 1985.

2. Special provisions in connection with the construction, of the proposed works, including the bridging by Work No. 5 of Pudding Mill Lane and Marshgate Lane, Newham.

3. Acquisition by the Company for Work No. 1 and by the Corporation for Work No. 5 of lands, or subsoil or new rights only, and power to use lands, in the areas aforesaid, including provision for acquisition of subsoil or new rights only in certain cases; temporary possession of land by the Company to enable them to construct Work No. 1; extinction of rights of way over the lands to be acquired or used and special provisions as to entry and compensation.

4. Further power for the Company to acquire lands in the London boroughs of Southwark and Tower Hamlets for the purpose of reconstructing and enlarging the ticket halls at Elephant and Castle and Wapping stations respectively.

5. Power for the Company to open up the surface of Torrens Street in the London borough of Islington, to stop up temporarily part of that street and to narrow and stop up a further part of that street; and power for the Corporation to interfere with the surface of, and to stop up temporarily, parts of Pudding Mill Lane and Marshgate Lane in the London borough of Newham.

6. Power for the Corporation to make provision for the payment of additional fares on the proposed railway comprising Work No. 5.

7. Application of section 168 of the Road Traffic Act 1972 to the British Transport Police Force in respect of an alleged offence at a level crossing or on a road forming an access or approach to premises of the Corporation.

8. Provision for the amalgamation into a single Scheme of the London Transport Pension Fund and the London Transport 1970 Superannuation Fund.

And Notice is further given that plans and sections of the intended works, including plans of the lands proposed to be acquired or used compulsorily, together with a book of reference to such plans, have been deposited for public inspection with the Chief Executive and Town Clerk of the London Borough of Barnet at Town Hall, The Burroughs, Hendon, London NW4 4BG, with the Chief Executive of the London Borough of Brent at Brent Town Hall, Forty Lane, Wembley HA9 9HD, with the Chief Executive of the London Borough of Islington at Town Hall, Upper Street, London N1 2UD, with the Chief Executive of the London Borough of Newham at Town Hall, Barking Road, London E6 2RP, with the Chief Executive of the London Borough of Southwark at Town Hall, Peckham Road, London SE5 8UB and with the Chief Executive of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets at the Town Hall, Patriot Square, London E21 9LN.

On an after 4th December 1986 a copy of the Bill for the intended Act may be inspected and copies obtained at the price of 50p each at the under-mentioned offices.

Objection to the Bill may be made by depositing a Petition against it. If the Bill originates in the House of Commons, the latest date for depositing such a Petition in the Private Bill Office of that House will be 30th January 1987. If it originates in the House of Lords, the latest date for depositing such a Petition in the Office of the Clerk of the Parliaments in that House will be 6th February 1987. Further information may be obtained from the Office of the Clerk of the Parliaments in the House of Lords, the Private Bill Office of the House of Commons or the under-mentioned Parliamentary Agents.

DATED 3rd December 1986
I.E. KING
London Regional Transport
55 Broadway
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3 Dean Farrar Street
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IN PARLIAMENT
SESSION 1986-87
LONDON DOCKLANDS RAILWAY
(BECKTON)

Notice is hereby given that application is being made to Parliament in the present Session by London Regional Transport ("the Corporation") for leave to introduce a Bill under the above name or short title for purposes of which the following is a concise summary:-

1. Construction of works in the London Boroughs of Newham and Tower Hamlets to provide an extension of the Docklands Railway to Beckton comprising connections (Works Nos. 1 and 2 respectively 366 metres and 871 metres in length) with the Docklands Railway, as authorised by the London Docklands Railway Acts 1984 and 1985, a new railway (Work No. 3, 7.763 metres in length) to Beckton and an extension (Works Nos. 4 and 5 respectively 687 metres and 85 metres in length) into the site of the former Beckton Holder Station gas works: including special provision in connection with the construction, use and maintenance of the proposed works and as to the use of electrical power on the proposed railways and the bridging of a part of the river Lea known as Bow Creek:

2. Acquisition of lands, or new rights only, and power to use lands, in the areas aforesaid. Extinction of rights of way over the lands to be acquired or used and special provisions as to entry and compensation.

3. Power for the Corporation to stop up, divert or narrow parts of specified streets or roads in the London boroughs of Newham and Tower Hamlets; to open up the surface of parts of specified streets in the said London boroughs and to divert the footpath in the London borough of Newham between Tidal Basin Road and Victoria Dock Road and which crosses the North Woolwich line of the British Railways Board by means of a bridge.

4. Power for the Corporation to make provision for the payment of additional fares on the proposed railways.

And Notice is further given that plans and sections of the intended works, including plans of the lands proposed to be acquired or used compulsorily, together with a book of reference to such plans, have been deposited for public inspection with the Chief Executive of the London Borough of Newham at his office at the Town Hall, Barking Road, London E6 2RP and with the Chief Executive of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets at his office at the Town Hall, Patriot Square, London E2 9LN.

On and after 4th December 1986 a copy of the Bill for the intended Act may be inspected and copies obtained at the price of 50p each at the under-mentioned offices. Objection to the Bill may be made by depositing a Petition against it. If the Bill originates in the House of Commons, the latest date for depositing such a Petition in the Private Bill Office of that House will be 30th January 1987. If it originates in the House of Lords, the latest date for depositing such a Petition in the Office of the Clerk of the Parliaments in that House will be 6th February 1987. Further information may be obtained from the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments in the House of Lords, the Private Bill Office of the House of Commons or the under-mentioned Parliamentary Agents.

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Police marksmen end airport hostage drama

Perpignan (Reuter) – Three gunmen, foiled in an attempt to rob a bank here, gave themselves up to the police at the airport of this southern French town and released their three hostages unharmed, witnesses said.

They surrendered after a failed attempt to break out of the airport in a van whose tyres were punctured by police marksmen. They had spent six hours on the tarmac.

The gunmen had demanded a getaway plane and a ransom.

Meanwhile, France's anti-terrorist chief, M Robert Broussard had flown to Perpignan with 10 élite marksmen who were posted on rooftops overlooking the van, parked near the control tower.

Police said they sealed off the airport after the foiled bank robbers seized two bank staff and a client, a mother of three children, and drove with them to an airport runway in a van.

They set an original deadline for 1300 GMT but several hours after its expiry the situation was unchanged.

According to French radio, in the tense hours of waiting the woman hostage said in a loudhailer appeal that the men were desperate and would stop at nothing if their demands for a plane, pilot and co-pilot and one million francs (£107,000) were not met.

A court official was trying to negotiate with the gang after the woman hostage's dramatic appeal from the van.

It was M Broussard who negotiated the surrender of twogunmen who seized hostages at a Nantes court trial in western France a year ago.

Gunmen leaving a Perpignan bank with their hostages but no money after their hold-up went wrong yesterday.

Frank Johnson at the Commons

Cardiff spy in the Wright Affair

Conservative backbenchers yesterday increased their efforts to turn the Wright Affair into the Kinnock Affair.

At the end of last week, they somehow discovered that Mr Kinnock and his staff had had lots of telephone conversations with Mr Turnbull, Australian torturer of our Secretary to the Cabinet and lawyer opposing the British Government's efforts to stop the Wright memoirs being published in Australia.

From this, they have spun an elaborate theory that Mr Kinnock has been an Australian agent all along.

Presumably, the theory runs that Mr Kinnock, who is now aged 44, was one of the so-called "Cardiff spies" – gifted and socially well-connected students at University College, Cardiff, who were lured into working for the Australians during the turbulent 1960s when Harold Wilson was ruling Britain and, to many of Mr Kinnock's generation, there seemed to be no hope.(According to Mr Kinnock's *Who's Who* entry, he was president of that university's union in 1965-66.).

Such young men were attracted to a society where they believed the workers spent all their time slumped in front of the television, swilling beer out of tins and watching rugby, exerting themselves only to scratch their huge, exposed bellies, or to look out of the window and oggle golden-limbed girls frolicking in the surf.

That was the ideal of the New Australian Man sold to them in the propagandistic literature of the time, and by the Antipodean recruiters who moved among Cardiff students looking for potential agents. There is no denying that it appealed to a strain of idealism deep in the Welsh character.

But of course we now know that such an Australia never really existed. The reality of life there at the time was much harsher. It was a land of would-be poets, sensitive essayists, and ballet dancers trying to escape to the West – mainly Earls Court, west London. But Mr Kinnock was not to know that.

At some point in the 1960s, so the Tory theory presumably continues, he became an Australian agent. But the assumption is that he was later disillusioned with Australian society and, after a confession, might have been granted immunity by the British in return for revealing information about Australia's vast disinformation network in Britain - the legendary Pilger Ring, reaching deep into the *Daily Mirror*, *The New Statesman* and television.

But what if it was not like that? What if he is still working for Canberra Centre? Those Tories who believe that he still is are inclined to point out that his press secretary, Ms Patricia Hewitt, is an Australian. She is said to be the so-called " First Woman" who tipped off Mr Kinnock that the lawyer Turnbull would talk to him about the Wright case.

Yesterday one of these suspicious Tories asked the Prime Minister whether there were any precedents for a Leader of the Opposition contacting private counsel acting against Her Majesty's Government.

Mrs Thatcher replied that if there were any precedents "for this astonishing action", perhaps the House should be told. But by the time she spoke Mr Kinnock had already gone on his mysterious flight to America.

The chairman of the Tory backbench 1922 Committee, Mr Cranley Onslow, showed that he too believed in the Kinnock conspiracy theory. He urged Mrs Thatcher to have no truck with Mr Kinnock on security issues now that he had been "set up to ask in this House questions which were to be asked in the Australian court the following day," and was "Mr Turnbull's mouthpiece."

Mr Anthony Marlow, Conservative MP for Northampton North, accused Mr Kinnock of "conniving with the defence lawyers in Australia in the case against the crown". He urged Mrs Thatcher to send an aeroplane to get Mr Kinnock back to answer the allegation.

She said that it was not for her to answer for the Leader of the Opposition and she was "jolly glad" she did not have to do so.

If these Tories are right, and Mr Kinnock is still working for Australia, the consequences appear stark. The Australian selectors would be within a general election of getting their man into Number Ten. England would never be allowed to win a Test again.

Leyland in Dutch link talks

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lated to collaboration, merger, sale or indeed continuation under present ownership – will involve restructuring".

The Rover Group had been reviewing the options for the trucks subsidiary against the backdrop of continuing depressed demand, particularly in overseas markets, and severe over-capacity in Europe, Mr Channon said.

His announcement brought an immediate warning from Mr John Smith, Opposition spokesman on industry, that a takeover by Paccar would mean "extensive rationalization and job losses."

Mr Smith dismissed the Paccar talks as a takeover attempt by another foreign-owned company and added: "Given that General Motors appears to be persisting in its decision to end truck making in the UK if this goes ahead the only volume truck maker in Britain would cease to be British-owned".

The trucks subsidiary had a half-year operating loss, before tax and interest, of £21.1 million in the first part of this year. It was the first time the Rover Group had broken out figures for the trucks subsidiary.

There are three main manufacturing locations at Leyland trucks. The key assembly plant at Leyland, Lancashire, employs 4,600; the axle-making Albion plant in Glasgow employs 1,250; and the Scammell factory at Watford, Hertfordshire, has a workforce of 695. The Bathgate, Edinburgh, factory which employed 1,100, has been closed.

The talks with DAF are, according to Rover Group, "exploring the benefits that could arise from a much more fundamental collaboration". A merger or takeover by DAF is regarded as among the possible options.

There would be attractions for both Leyland and DAF in drawing closer together. DAF's product line is strongest among heavy trucks and Leyland's new lighter range would be complementary. Leyland, now leader in Britain with 17 per cent of the market, has had problems in breaking into overseas markets where DAF has more muscle.

A recent contract with DAF is expected to lead to about 2,000 of Leyland's light vans and trucks being sold next year through DAF's 500 dealers in continental Europe.

Mr Channon has given his full support for talks with DAF and Paccar to Mr Graham Day, Rover Group's chairman. The group's corporate plan for next year is still under preparation.

Bid fails to ban story in Ireland

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The British case referred to the book's jacket which carries the subtitle *Personal Exploits in MI5's Most Secret Station*. It was claimed this showed the book to be a flagrant breach of the confidentiality under which Miss Miller had been employed.

For the defendants, it was claimed the book contained no great secrets and was a personal reminiscence about events which had already entered the public record.

Miss Justice Carroll said the case was based solely upon the issue of confidentiality between an individual and a government. "The plaintiff is a foreign government and there is no question of this state being affected."

Kinnock could be left out of spy briefings

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but not to allow him to publish them under his own name."

Ministers are confident of winning the case in the Australian Court of Appeal. But there was less certainty last night over whether the government would appeal against the decision by the Dublin High Court yesterday not to prevent the publication of another book by a former MI5 employee, *One Girl's War*, by Joan Miller.

The attempt by Sir Michael Havers, the Attorney-General, to ban the book was thrown out yesterday on the grounds that the publishers had a constitutional right to publish it. Some ministers believe it will be difficult to win an appeal on the constitutional issue.

● The Conservatives have regained a lead over Labour with the Alliance trailing badly in third place, according to the latest opinion poll published last night (Richard Evans writes).

The MORI survey, conducted for the *London Standard*, puts the Tories on 41 per cent, Labour on 39 per cent, the Liberal/SDP Alliance on 18 per cent with Others on 2 per cent.

Private radio

Athens (Reuter) – The Greek Prime Minister, Mr Andreas Papandreou, has called for the setting up of a multi-party parliamentary committee to study the introduction of private local radio stations in Greece. All radio and television in Greece is state-run.

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Royal engagements

The Queen holds an Investiture at Buckingham Palace at 11.

The Duke of Edinburgh, as Patron and Trustee, attends the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme General Council, in Bournemouth, 10.45; and as Permanent Master of the Shipwrights' Company presides at a livery dinner at Ironmongers' Hall, 7.45. The Prince of Wales also attends and will be appointed an Assistant to the court.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother visits the Royal Smithfield Show at Earls Court, 11.15.

The Princess of Wales opens the new headquarters of The Body Shop plc at Hawthorn Road Wick, Littlehampton, 10.50; and visits Downland Housing Society Project, run by the Sussex Association for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus, 5 Grand Avenue, Worthing, 12.30.

Princess Anne, President of the Royal Agricultural Society of England, attends the society's council meeting at 35 Belgrave Square, 10.55; and as Chancellor of London University, presides at the Degree Ceremony of the University at the Albert Hall, 2; later, as chancellor, attends a thanksgiving service in celebration of the university's 150th anniversary at St Paul's Cathedral, 6.25; and as Commandant in Chief of St John Ambulance and Nursing Cadets, attends the Order Gala Ball at the Intercontinental Hotel, 8.20.

The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester attend the British-American Ball at Grosvenor House, Park Lane, 8.

The Duchess of Gloucester presents commemorative certificates to Smith and Nephew Fellows and Nursing Scholars at a reception at the Royal College of Surgeons of England, 35 Lincoln's Inn Fields, 6.15

The Duke of Kent opens the tenth National Energy Management Conference and Exhibition at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham, 10.10.

The Duchess of Kent, Patron of Age Concern, attends a carol concert in Salisbury Cathedral, 2.

Princess Alexandra attends the opening of the exhibition"The New Thracian Treasure from Rogozen, Bulgaria" by the Deputy Chairman of the Council of Ministers of Bulgaria, at the British Museum, 5.50.

Music

The Nash Ensemble of London; Petersfield Festival Hall, Petersfield, 7.30.

Recital by Thomas Trotter, Birmingham Town Hall, 1.

Bournemouth Sinfonietta with Christian Blackshaw; Guildhall, Plymouth, 7.30.

Strathclyde University Chamber Choir; Glasgow Cathedral, John Knox Street, Glasgow, 8.

Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra, Wessex Hall, Poole Arts Centre, 7.30.

Student Recital; Belvoir Room, Charles Wilson Building, Leicester University, 1.10.

Talks, lectures

Bristol and the Atlantic Trade in the Eighteenth Century by Dr Kenneth Morgan; Willis Memorial Building, University of Bristol, 5.15.

Physics Open Lecture by Professor Sir Brian Pippard FRS, University of Birmingham, 11.

General

Poetry: British Airways Commonwealth Poetry Prize-winners, Third Eye Centre, 350 Sauchiehall Street, Glasgow, 7.30.

Books – hardback

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week:
Democracy & Religion, Gladstone and the Liberal Party 1867-1875, by J.P. Parry (Cambridge, £37.50)
Ibsen's Poems, in versions by John Northam (Oxford, £18.50)
Greek Insects, by Malcolm Davies & Jeyaraney Kathirithamby (Duckworth, £24)
Lord of the Dance, A Moncreiffe Miscellany, edited by Hugh Montgomery-Massingberd (Debrett's Peerage, £12.95)
100 Key Books of the Modern Movement from England, France and America 1880-1950, by Cyril Connolly, new edition and bibliography (Allison & Busby, £8.95)
Mishima, A Vision of the Void, by Marguerite Yourcenar, translated by Alberto Manguel (Aidan Ellis, £9.50)
The Gods Made Flesh, Metamorphosis and the Pursuit of Paganism, by Leonard Barkan (Yale, £30)
The Master Eccentric, The Journals of Rayner Heppenstall 1969-1981, edited by Jonathan Goodman (Allison & Busby, £14.95)
The Tudor Court, by David Loades (Batsford, £19.95)
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Anniversaries

Births: **Samuel Crompton**, inventor of the spinning mule, Firwood, Lancs, 1753; **Sir Rowland Hill**, originator of the penny post, Kidderminster, Worcestershire, 1795; **Joseph Conrad**, Berdichev, Russia, 1857; **Anton von Webern**, composer, Vienna, 1883; **Rajendra Prasad**, first president of the Republic of India 1950-63, Zeradei, Bihar, 1884.

Deaths: **Francis Xavier**, missionary, Shang-ch'uan, 1552; **Robert Louis Stevenson**, Samoa, 1894; **Mary Baker Eddy**, founder of the Church of Christ Scientist, Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts, 1910; **Pierre Renoir**, Cagnes, France, 1919; **Dame Mary Gilmore**, poet, 1962; **Sir Terence Rattigan**, Hamilton, Bermuda, 1977.

Mencap course

The Open University and Mencap have joined forces to provide a course for anyone closely involved with people who have a mental handicap.

Further information about the course, *Mental Handicap: Patterns for Living*, is available from: Jan Walmsley, Department of Health and Social Welfare, Open University, Milton Keynes, MK7 6AA.

Roads

Wales and West: M4: Contraflow between junctions 16 (Swindon) and 17 (Chippenham), and between junctions 34 and 35 (Glamorgan). **A470:** Roadworks at Pontypridd and Nant Garw, delays possible.

The North: M6: Contraflow between junctions 29 and 32 (Preston/Blackpool). **M53:** Section closed between junctions 1 and 2 (Merseyside). **A1:** Major repairs with lane closures and contraflows at Brotherton bypass, diversions in operation.

Scotland: M74: Lane closures at junction 7 (Larkhall interchange). **A94:** Bypass construction in the Forfar area, care required. **Edinburgh:** Single line traffic and temporary lights on Crammond Road, near Laurieston Castle.

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Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Debates on Alliance motions on the need for a committee to oversee the security services and on defence. **Lords** (2.30): Debate on defence.

Tower Bridge

Tower Bridge will be raised today at 3.30 am.

Portfolio Gold

Portfolio – how to play
Monday-Saturday record your daily Portfolio total.
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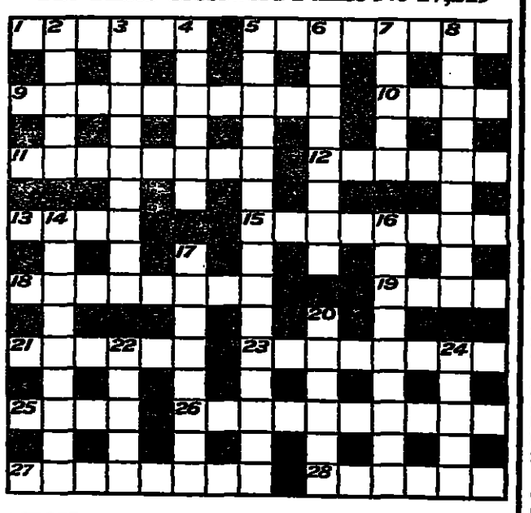
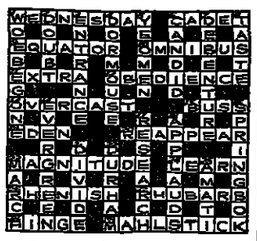


ACROSS
1 Directions to a faithful friend to provide salt (3-3).
5 Refuse to give description of a person of influence (8).
9 Controversial poet receives £1 for subsistence (10).
10 Many a typical expression from dwellers near this lake (4).
11 Refinement of food (8).
12 Dull river for grown-up (6).
13 Repulsive-sounding fruit (4).
15 Needlewoman in barbaric rite? (8).
18 Dine drunkenly, perhaps flounder about – monstrous! (8).
19 Throws in a cutter, say (4).
21 Regulate publicity so much and no more (6).
23 Ersatz sort of fuel base (8).
25 Ballads by university clerk (4).
26 Collect again and look like accepting a shilling (10).
27 Assume role of ship's officer, a childhood friend (8).
28 Shelter a Pole in part of the building (6).

DOWN
2 Raised hat when introducing Oriental type (5).
3 Cease to live with artist – he's a dictator, of course (9).
4 Diminutive music-maker accompanying Lear's sagacious bird (6).
5 Why this good Dane vandalized the plant (5,10).
6 It shows the limit of our liquidity (4-4).
7 Though only a villein, he has a parcel of land (5).
8 Hauled over the coals after material is torn (9).
14 Meeting-place where 13 had converted two students? (9).
16 His interest in traffic worried Dean Smart (9).
17 Man overturned first-class carriage (8).
20 Plant a half-wit in US intelligence (6).
22 Interest of union leader in American transport (5).
24 Cavalryman retreating in an exceptional hurry! (5).

Solution to Puzzle No 17,218



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WEATHER

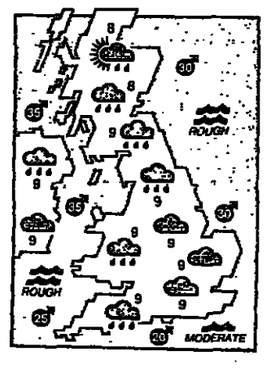
Pressure will remain low to the N of Britain and high over the continent and fronts will affect northern areas. England and Wales will be mainly cloudy, central and eastern districts will brighten up later. In northern border counties of England there may be some rain. Northern Ireland and much of Scotland will be windy and dull with periods of rain, sometimes heavy although the extreme N of Scotland will have a mixture of sunshine and showers. Much of Britain will have another mild day. Outlook for tomorrow and Friday: England and Wales will be mainly dry and rather cloudy but Scotland and Northern Ireland will have more rain. Brighter colder weather with showers over Scotland and Northern Ireland will reach most places by the end of Friday.

HIGH TIDES

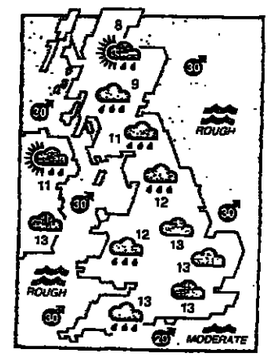
TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	2.22	7.1	2.42	7.3
Aberdeen	1.48	4.5	2.08	4.4
Avonmouth	8.02	13.4	8.26	13.2
Belfast	11.39	3.7		
Cardiff	7.47	12.3	8.11	12.2
Devonport	6.38	5.7	7.09	5.5
Dover	11.40	5.7		
Falmouth	6.08	5.5	6.39	5.3
Glasgow	1.11	5.1	1.34	5.1
Harwich	12.15	3.9	12.39	4.0
Holyhead	10.57	5.8	11.26	5.7
Hull	6.57	7.5	7.17	7.4
Ilfracombe	6.36	9.5	7.02	9.3
Leith	3.05	5.8	3.28	5.7
Liverpool	11.57	9.7		
Lowestoft	10.07	2.6	10.27	2.6
Margate	12.21	4.8	12.38	5.0
Milford Haven	6.56	7.3	7.21	7.1
Newquay	5.48	7.3	6.11	7.1
Oban	6.24	4.2	6.44	4.0
Penzance	5.36	5.8	6.09	5.6
Portland	7.49	2.5	8.20	2.3
Portsmouth			12.11	4.8
Shoreham	11.53	6.4		
Southampton	11.32	4.6		
Swansea	7.00	9.9	7.26	9.7
Tees	4.17	5.8	4.34	5.7
W'ton-on-Naze	12.11	4.2	12.32	4.4

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

AM



PM



AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	-	-	11	52	dull
Bridlington	1.1	-	11	52	cloudy
Cromer	-	-			
Lowestoft	0.5	-	11	52	cloudy
Clacton	1.3	-	10	50	cloudy
Southend	0.7	-	11	52	cloudy
Margate	-	-	11	52	dull
Folkestone	0.6	-	11	52	dull
Hastings	0.2	-	11	52	drizzle
Eastbourne	1.2	-	12	54	cloudy
Brighton	-	-	10	50	dull
Worthing	0.5	-	11	52	cloudy
Littlehmptn	0.2	-	11	52	cloudy
Bognor R	0.2	-	11	52	cloudy
Southsea	-	-	12	54	cloudy
Sandown	-	-	12	54	shower
Shanklin	-	.03	11	52	drizzle
Bournemth	-	.05	12	54	rain
Poole	-	.02	12	54	drizzle
Swanage	-	.05	12	54	rain
Weymouth	-	.02	12	54	drizzle
Exmouth	-	-	13	55	dull
Teignmouth	-	.01	13	55	cloudy
Torquay	-	.02	13	55	drizzle
Falmouth	-	.03	12	54	drizzle
Penzance	-	.10	12	54	drizzle
Scilly Isles	-	.02	12	54	drizzle
Jersey	0.1	-	11	52	cloudy
Guernsey	0.4	-	13	55	cloudy
Newquay	-	.12	13	55	rain
Ilfracombe	-	.06	12	54	drizzle
B'pool Airpt	1.0	.03	11	52	rain
Morecambe	1.6	.08	11	52	rain
Douglas	0.5	-	14	57	cloudy
B'ham Airpt	-	-	12	54	rain
Bristol (Cnt)	-	.26	12	54	rain
Carlisle	0.8	.01	12	54	shower
London	0.6	-	12	54	drizzle
Manchester	0.1	.06	11	52	shower
N'cstle-Tyne	4.1	-	14	57	shower
Nottingham	-	.02	11	52	rain
Anglesey	0.7	-	11	52	rain
Cardiff (Cnt)	-	.12	12	54	rain
Colwyn Bay	-	.02	14	57	dull
Tenby	-	.17	12	54	cloudy
Aberdeen	4.0	-	11	52	sunny
Edinburgh	2.2	.03	12	54	shower
Eskdalemuir	-	.42	10	50	shower
Glasgow	0.5	.13	10	50	shower
Kinloss	1.7	.01	10	50	shower
Lerwick	-	.61	9	48	shower
Prestwick	1.0	.15	10	50	shower

These are Monday's figures
*Figures not available

LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 4.24 pm to 7.18 am
Bristol 4.34 pm to 7.27 am
Edinburgh 4.19 pm to 7.54 am
Manchester 4.29 pm to 7.36 am
Penzance 4.52 pm to 7.33 am

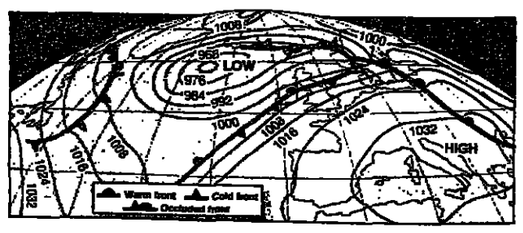
Sun rises: 7.46 am
Sun sets: 3.54 pm
Moon rises 10.31 am
Moon sets 5.06 pm
First quarter: December 8

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F		C	F
Belfast	r	11	52	Guernsey	c	12	54
B'mgham	f	13	55	Inverness	c	5	41
Blackpool	c	11	52	Jersey	c	12	54
Bristol	c	13	55	London	c	13	55
Cardiff	f	13	55	M'nchster	c	11	52
Edinburgh	r	10	50	Newcastle	c	8	46
Glasgow	r	11	52	N'ridaway	c	11	52

NOON TODAY



ABROAD

Alicante	c	16	61	C'phagn	f	7	45	Malaga	f	17	63
Alex'dria	c	16	61	Corfu	s	16	61	Malta	c	18	61
Algiers	s	17	63	Dublin	c	12	54	Melb'rne	f	26	79
Amst'dm	c	8	46	Dubrovnik	s	14	57	Mexico C'	s	19	66
Athens	f	13	55	Faro	f	15	59	Miami	r	24	75
Bahrain	c	25	77	Florence	s	10	50	Milan	s	7	45
Barbados	s	14	57	Frankfurt	c	4	39	Montreal	s	-3	27
Barcelna				Funchal	f	20	68	Moscow	c	3	37
Beirut				Geneva	c	1	34	Munich	f	6	43
Belgrade	c	1	34	Gibraltar	c	17	63	Nairobi	c	23	73
Berlin	c	8	46	Helsinki	sn	-1	30	Nassau	s	13	55
Bermuda	r	17	63	Hong K	r	18	64	Nice	s	13	55
Biarritz	s	14	57	Innsbruck	s	4	39	N Delhi	s	21	70
Blonde'z	s	10	50	Istanbul	f	7	45	N York	s	3	37
Boul'ne	c	11	52	Jeddah	s	27	81	Oslo	s	3	37
Brussels	c	8	46	Jo'burg	th	25	77	Paris	c	7	45
Budapest	f	2	36	Karachi	f	24	75	Peking	f	5	41
B Aires	f	23	73	L Palmas	f	21	70	Perth	c	22	72
Cairo	c	17	63	Lisbon	s	11	52	Prague	c	3	37
Cape Tn	c	20	68	Locarno	s	6	43	Reykjvik	f	-4	25
C'blanca	f	17	63	L Angels	s	21	70	Rhodes	s	16	61
Chicago	r	4	39	Lucerne	d	3	37	Rio de J	c	30	86
Chr'church	c	13	55	Madrid	s	11	52	Rio de J	c	26	82
Cologne	c	7	45	Majorca	s	17	63	Riyadh	c	15	59
Rome	f	15	59
Salzburg	r	6	43
S Frisco	s	12	54
Santiago	c	23	73
S Paulo	r	21	70
Seoul	f	9	48
Sing'por	f	30	86
Sri Lanka	s	30	32
Strasb'rg	c	1	34
Sydney	c	20	68
Tangier	c	18	64
Tel aviv	s	13	55
Tenerife	f	22	72
Tokyo	s	11	52
Toronto	sn	-3	27
Tunis	f	17	63
Valencia	s	15	59
Vanc'ver	s	6	43
Venice	s	6	43
Vienna	r	0	32
Warsaw	c	5	41
Wash'ton	f	3	37
Wel'ton	f	12	54
Zurich	fg	-2	28

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STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1278.4 (+5.9)

FT-SE 100
1625.5 (+7.7)

Bargains
27395 (29647)

USM (Datastream)
129.28 (+0.09)

THE POUND

US Dollar
1.4330 (–0.0045)

W German mark
2.8244 (+0.0011)

Trade-weighted
67.8 (–0.1)

IoD to urge cut in taxes

The Institute of Directors is to urge the Government to cut the top rate of income tax by 10p and says the Chancellor can afford to trim 3p off the basic tax rate of 29p.

The institute's council met yesterday to consider its proposals for next spring's Budget, to be submitted to the Treasury in the new year.

Mr Lawson has said the £4,700 million increase in government spending he announced in the autumn statement ruled out a cut in the basic rate from 29p to 25p.

But the institute says the steadying of the oil price, savings from the reduction in the dole queues, and extra tax revenue from the increase in government spending will give him about £4 billion.

US indicators jump by 0.6%

The US index of leading indicators, a broad gauge of economic activity, jumped by 0.6 per cent in October after a 0.2 per cent rise in September, the Commerce Department said.

Meanwhile, building industry contracts were at their highest level for 10 months and construction spending rose by 1.6 per cent to $386.5 billion (£270.2 billion) as builders rushed projects to beat tougher tax laws.

Beecham sells

Beecham Group has sold its Morton Brands tinned vegetables and fruit fillings business to Hillsdown Holdings for £8.5 million. Based at Lowestoft, Morton employs 160 people and has assets with a book value of £6 million. Beecham said that the sale was in line with its plans to concentrate on "core brands which offer profitable growth opportunities."

Bid rebuff

Fothergill & Harvey says that the offer document from Courtaulds contains nothing to cause the board to modify its judgement that the offer for the company is both "opportunistic and completely unacceptable."

Hollis stake

Mr Robert Maxwell's Hollis group holds a stake of 28.3 per cent in AE, the engineering group, after buying more shares in the market. The rival bidder, Turner & Newall, whose bid closes on Friday, has a 42 per cent holding.

RTZ buys

Rio Tinto-Zinc Corporation is to increase its stake in Anglesey Aluminium from 33.3 to 51 per cent. It is paying £20 million for part of the stake held by its partner in the project, Kaiser Aluminium & Chemical Corporation.

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Share price movement sharp

Guinness: bid under scrutiny

By Lawrence Lever

The Government investigation into Guinness centres on the movement of Guinness's share price throughout the course of its hotly-contested battle for control of Distillers with Mr Jimmy Gulliver's Argyll Group.

Confirmation of the investigation's focus came yesterday from Mr George Law, the compliance officer of Morgan Grenfell, merchant bank advisers to Guinness, who were visited by representatives of the DTI inspectors on Monday morning.

Guinness's share price fell back further yesterday from an opening level of 298p to 285p. This represents a fall of 45p in the shares since the announcement of the enquiry – and the shares are rapidly approaching the year's low of 277p

The Argyll Group yesterday lent support to the DTI investigation and added its belief that there had been share price manipulations by Wall Street speculators.

The focus of attention is still Mr Ivan Boesky the disgraced American arbitrageur, who is known to have been involved in the bid, although to date only as a purchaser of Distillers shares.

The timing of the DTI investigation after receiving information from the SEC suggests Mr Boesky's evidence has triggered the investigation. Furhter support comes from the Government bringing in special powers last Thursday which would enable it to return the compliment to the SEC.

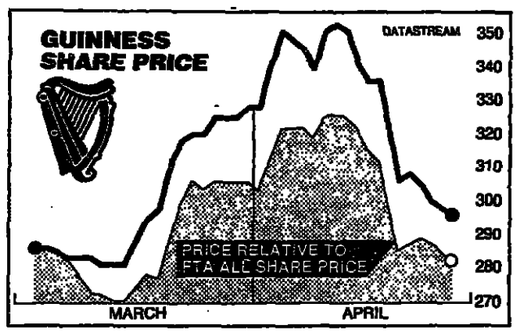
Referring to the visit at Morgan Grenfell, Mr Law said yesterday, "What they wanted was to look at all files or other records that in any way related to dealings in Guinness shares from the start of the bid for Distillers."

The DTI investigation will extend to any dealings in Guinness shares done by Morgan Grenfell Asset Management, the discretionery fund management arm of Morgan Grenfell as well as dealings by Morgan Grenfell Securities, the market-making arm which was formerly run by Mr Geoffrey Collier.

The insepctors have asked also for details of deals carried out by Morgan Grenfell & Co, which was financial adviser to Guinness and bought shares in Guinness as a principal at the time of the bid. And they will examine records of Pinchin Denny and Pember and Boyle which became 100 per cent subsidiaries of Morgan Grenfell towards the end of the bid.

Mr Law was not able to say whether the inspectors' interest was in the ownership of Guinness shares or on the pattern of trading in them.

Guinness shares moved up substantially during the latter part of its 4 and a half month battle. The shares which stood at 281 pence on the 13th of March rose to 353 pence on April 11th shortly before it secured control of Distillers.



DTI inquiry 'urgent'

By Colin Narbrough

Mr Michael Howard, Minister for Consumer and Corporate Affairs, yesterday forcefully defended government policy for combatting insider dealing and City fraud, making clear that special inspectors appointed in the past three weeks by the Trade and Industry Department to look into alleged abuse were under orders to act with the greatest urgency.

In a Commons debate on insider dealing, he declined to be drawn over the investigation announced on Monday into Guinness plc, saying that it would be improper of him to comment or give details of cases under investigation.

"No-one can be in any doubt that we regard insider dealing as a thoroughly pernicious practice which is damaging to markets and unfair to individuals and which we are determined to do all in our power to root out." Mr Howard said, the timing of the inspectors' report was a matter for them, but he expected them "to address their task with the greatest possible urgency."

To underline that the government was not holding back where wrongdoers were concerned, he disclosed that Mr Geoffrey Collier, the former head of Morgan Grenfell's market-making operation, who was the target of DTI inspectors last month, had been charged for alleged offences involving deals in AE shares. Preliminary investigation had also been completed concerning an employee of British and Commonwealth.

Mr Robin Cook, opening for Labour, described the DTI move against Guinness, as a "fraud investigation" that followed the company's "extremely seedy transactions" in conjunction with its £2.7 billion takeover of Distillers this year. The financial world's passion for takeovers was a paradox seen against Britain's declining manufacturing sector.

Mr Howard accused Labour of "City-bashing" and of having no genuine concern for regulatory arrangements. No further powers had been identified as being needed to combat insider dealing beyond those already provided. And remarks in yesterday's *Times* by Senator William Proxmire showed that the US statutory Securities and Exchange Commission had failed to identify major insider dealing for some years, hardly recommending that system as an alternative to Britain's system of self-regulation.

Nick Rogers

Out for the count: 17-year-old David Raymont at the NatWest bank's British Gas share count

Tell Sid – it's too late

For Sids who live in Aberdeen, Liverpool, Southampton and 23 other towns up and down the United Kingdom, you have one last chance to get your British Gas applications in this morning. For Sids in Auchtermuchty, Lowestoft, Skegness and everywhere else, forget it – it's too late.

Even those Sids living near one of the 32 receiving centres will have to leg it down there chop-chop, to use the parlance of the £5.6 billion issue's advertising campaign, to get their forms in on time – applications close at 10 am around the country.

Application forms, with cheques attached, continued to pour in yesterday with the organizers of the issue hoping that the number of potential investors will top the five million who sought shares in the TSB Bank flotation in October.

The shares appear likely to open at a 10p-15p premium over the initial 50p payment when trading starts next Monday. However letters of allocation will not be posted until a week later.

For now, it just remains for the receiving banks to count up the forms, weed out the multiple applicants and decide the basis of allocation. And, of course, to tear down all those "Tell Sid" adverts.

Unilever spends £2.1 billion on US toiletries

By Richard Lander

Unilever, the Anglo-Dutch food and household products empire, is making an agreed $3.1 billion (£2.1 billion) bid for the Chesebrough-Pond's group in a move that will significantly strengthen its American presence.

The merger will bring together two of the strongest-branded conglomerates in the personal and household goods sector.

A combined group would include Lux soap, Omo washing powder and Brooke Bond tea from the Unilever stable and Chesebrough's Vaseline petroleum jelly, Pond's cold cream and Q-tips cotton swabs.

The Chesebrough group includes also Ragu, the packaged food business which is thought to control about half of the $750 million market in America for spaghetti sauces.

Overall, Chesebrough showed net income of $82 million last year on sales of $2.7 billion – equivalent to more than 10 per cent of Unilever's turnover. Net income rose to $138 million in the first nine months this year.

Unilever is making a cash tender offer of $72.50 for each Chesebrough share, which will remain open until December 30.

It has an option to purchase 7.9 million new shares, equivalent to 18.5 per cent of the present issued capital, at the same price, and another option over the Ragu subsidiary.

Unilever is ungeared at present and funds for the deal are expected to come from short-term borrowings raised at attractive rates in the US.

The agreed terms top the hostile $66 offer announced last week by American Brands, the diversified tobacco group, which owns the Gallaher cigarette company in Britain.

A spokesman at American Brands' headquarters in Greenwich, Connecticut, said the group was evaluating the situation closely.

Shares in Chesebrough, which stood at $45 last week before the American Brands bid emerged, rose $3 to 71-7/8 on the New York Stock Exchange yesterday.

The deal also excited City followers of Unilever, whose shares rose 83p to an all-time high of £21.18.

Analysts had been awaiting a decisive play by the group in America, where profits have recovered this year after a sharp downturn last year because of stiff competition, especially from Procter & Gamble in the detergents sector.

Mr Les Pugh, of Wood Mackenzie, the brokers, said: "The Unilever story has been a very successful one this year and this latest one should give it a new twist for 1987."

Chancellor rules out devaluation

By Rodney Lord, Economics Editor

The Chancellor, Mr Nigel Lawson, yesterday again spoke out against devaluation as a policy to improve Britain's competitiveness.

He did so as – for the second successive day – the pound slipped a little in foreign exchange markets on continuing concern about the outlook for the balance of payments.

Speaking at a dinner given by the Better Made In Britain organization, Mr Lawson said: "Devaluation means surrender to inflation. It simply perpetuates the inflationary spiral.

"I have always made it clear that I favour an exchange rate which will exert a degree of financial discipline and put British industry on its mettle."

The Chancellor said that the performance of British exports in recent years had been very encouraging but that there was still concern about the rapid growth of imports. Any retreat into protectionism would be a disastrous step backwards.

Official reserves of gold and foreign currencies rose last month by $14 million to $22,006 million. The underlying rise, after netting out official borrowing and capital repayments, was $35 million.

The figures were better than expected because markets had been anticipating some further effect from the official intervention in support of the pound during September and October.

Mr Peter Warburton, of L Messel, the broker, commented: "We imagine the bad news has been postponed."

Profits up at Anglia

Pretax profits from Anglia Secure Homes, the specialist manager and developer of sheltered housing for the elderly, soared by 85 per cent in the year to September 30 to £840,000. Turnover rose 94 per cent to £4.2 million. Earnings per share were 8.4p.

The group sold 107 homes last year compared with 61 the year before. This year, the City expects the group to sell more than 210. They forecast pretax profits of £2.3 million and earnings per share of 16.2p.

Anglia came to the unlisted securities market in July when 2.6 million shares were placed, raising £2.6 million. The shares performed strongly, rising from the 115p placing price to 242p yesterday.

GEC expects tiny growth next year

By Alexandra Jackson

Lord Weinstock, the managing director of The General Electric Company, Britain's biggest electronics group, is not expecting its trading profits to grow by more than a few per cent next year. However, in the two years following that, trading profits are expected to grow by between 12 and 16 per cent, he said.

Lord Weinstock was speaking yesterday at a meeting with City analysts following the announcement of the group's interim results for the six months to the end of September 1986. The pretax profits were at the bottom end of expectations at £289 million compared to £275 million in the first half of last year. Turnover increased by 1 per cent to £2.5 billion. A dividend of 1.5p was declared.

The chairman of GEC, The Right Honorable James Prior, reminded shareholders of a market softness which he had mentioned at the time of the annual meeting in August. He felt that the 1 per cent increase in attributable earnings was a reflection of the company's ability to cope with difficult conditions. "Our core businesses are intact" he said. But the shares fell by 11p to 169p.

Some City analysts were comforted, however, by statements made during yesterday's meeting about the group's attitude to acquisitions. GEC does not, they said, believe that it is in its shareholders' interest to earn such a high proportion of its profits from cash balances. Bulls of the stock were also encourage about the prospect of GEC winning the RAF Nimrod airborne early warning contract Tempus page 24

Trafalgar write-offs cost £100m

By Carol Ferguson

Trafalgar House lost more than £100 million in write-offs last year due to its exposure to oil and gas production and the offshore construction industry. The shares, which have been falling since the beginning of the year were marked down another 10p to 272p

Extraordinary write-offs taken below the line were £79 million of which £56.8 million related to oil and gas investments. In addition, £50 million was charged direct to reserves in respect of the Scott Lithgow acquisition.

Pretax profit for the year to September 30 rose 2 per cent to £145.8 million. Earnings per share fell from 34.7p to 32.7p before extraordinary items. The dividend was lifted 15 per cent to 13.2p.

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Giordano steers BOC back to what it does best

Ready for 20% lift-off

By Alexandra Jackson

Mr Richard Giordano, the chairman and chief executive of BOC, is expecting profits and earnings to grow by 20 per cent in the current year.

Speaking yesterday after the announcement of the group's results for the year to the end of September, Mr Giordano said that a good underlying performance would be enhanced by lower interest payments and a lower than expected tax charge.

The group is now concentrating 90 per cent of its efforts on its core businesses of industrial gases and healthcare.

BOC reported pretax profits of £64.1 million, on a modified historic cost basis, compared to £171.3 million in 1984-85. However, this was after an exceptional charge of £128 million covering the write down of certain assets.

Richard Giordano: building on less debt and tax

The figures were also struck after charging £27.1 million of additional depreciation on revaluations. Turnover, excluding related companies, rose during the period from £1.9 billion to £1.94 billion.

A final dividend of 6.4p was declared. Combined with the interim payment, this represents a 15 per cent increase for the year to 10.8p. Mr Giordano thought there was no reason why a similar increase could not be expected in the current year.

City analysts are forecasting pretax profits for 1986-87 on an historic cost basis of £255 million and 35.5p of earnings. The shares rose 8p yesterday to 348p.

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MARKET SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

New York:	
Dow Jones	1926.60 (+14.06)*
Tokyo	
Nikkei Dow	18190.97 (–117.01)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	2458.20 (+6.05)
Amsterdam: Gen	283.2 (–1.1)
Sydney: AO	1376.8 (–8.7)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	2053.9 (–19.4)
Brussels:	
General	4038.53 (+9.62)
Paris: CAC	398.3 (same)
Zurich: SKA Gen	560.90 (–3.10)
London: FT. A	n/a
FT. Gilts	n/a

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INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 11%
3-month Interbank 11 7/16-11 1/2%
3-month eligible bills: 10 29/32-9 31/32% buying rate
US: Prime Rate 7½%
Federal Funds 6⅝%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.41-5.39%*
30-year bonds 101¾-101 15/16*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
$: $1.4330	$: $1.4345*
DM: DM2.8344	$: DM1.9725*
Sw Fr: Sw Fr2.3537	$: Sw Fr1.6440*
Fr: FFr9.2429	$: FFr6.4620*
Yen: Yen231.66	$: Yen161.90*
£: Index:67.8	$: Index:109.9
ECU £0.734568	SDR £0.846466

MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:

Derek Crouch	218p (+8p)
Portals Holdings	265p (+17p)
Hall Engineering	248p (+8p)
J. Billam	143p (+18p)
Lucas	466p (+9p)
Morland	380p (+12p)
Redfearn Nat.	303p (+10p)
Bentalls	147p (+12p)
Cantors 'A'	172p (+8p)
Woolworth	673p (+13p)
Fogarty	100p (+10p)
Glaxo	932p (+22p)
BOC Group	349p (+9p)
ICI	1110p (+26p)
P&O	525p (+9p)
Chesterfield	475p (+20p)

FALLS:

Oxford Inst.	376p (–9p)
Tunstall	300p (–20p)
United Leasing	180p (–9p)
Anglia Sec. Homes	237p (–9p)

Prices are as at 4pm

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London Fixing:
AM $394.30 pm-$389.50
close $387.50-388.00 (£270.50-271.00)
New York:
Comex $389.00-389.50*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Jan.) . pm$15.00bbl($14.90)
* Denotes latest trading price

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WALL STREET

Shares pull back after early buying

New York (Agencies) – Wall Street shares pulled back in early trading yesterday after a futures-related buying spree, but remained solidly higher on the day.

Shares were buoyed by the momentum of the previous day's recovery and a rise of 0.6 per cent in the October leading economic indicators.

The Dow Jones industrial average was up 16.45 at 1,928.99, after being up by more than 20 points for a few minutes. *The average was still* above its record closing high of 1,919.71 set on September 4.

Advancing issues led shares by a margin of five to one and trading was moderately active. The volume 59 million shares.

Share prices rose strongly at the opening bell as arbitrageurs took advantage of the large premiums being commanded by stock index futures contracts.

The December Standard & Poor's 500 contract, for example, was priced at about two points over the index itself.

The transportation average was up *6.58 at 851.41*, utilities, at 212.23, were up 0.75 and stocks were up 5.73 at 758.92.

	Dec 1	Nov 28		Dec 1	Nov 28		Dec 1	Nov 28
AMR	57%	58%	Firestone	27%	27%	Pfizer	60%	61
ASA	37%	38%	Fst Chicago	32%	32½	Phelps Dge	20%	21¼
Allied Signal	41%	41½	Fst Int Bncp	54	53%	Philip Mrs	74	74¼
Allied Strs	65¼	65	Fst Penn C	9%	9¼	Phillips Pet	11	11
Allis Chlmrs	2%	2%	Ford	60	58%	Polaroid	70%	70%
Alcoa	34½	34%	FT Wachva	36%	36%	PPG Ind	73%	74¼
Amax Inc	13	13%	GAF Corp	40	40%	Prctr Gmbl	78	78%
Am'rda Hs	22½	22%	GTE Corp	61%	61½	Pb S E & G	41¼	42¼
Am Brands	44%	44%	Gen Corp	81%	84½	Raytheon	65½	65%
Am Can	85¼	84½	Gen Dy'mcs	74¼	74	Rynlds Met	43	43%
Am Cynm'd	80%	81¼	Gen Electric	83%	83	Rockwell Int	43%	43%
Am El Pwr	29	29%	Gen Inst	18%	18%	Royal Dutch	92½	92%
Am Express	57%	57%	Gen Mills	43¼	44%	Safeways	n/a	n/a
Am Home	80%	80¼	Gen Motors	71½	73%	Sara Lee	70%	70%
Am Motors	3	3¼	Gn Pb Ut ny	23%	23%	SFE Sopac	33¼	32%
Am St'nrd	43¼	43¼	Genesco	3½	3%	Schl'berger	33	33
Am Teleph	27%	27%	Georgia Pac	39%	39¼	Scott Paper	64%	64¼
Amoco	67%	67%	Gillete	48%	48%	Seagram	63%	63¼
Armco Steel	5%	5%	Goodrich	44%	44%	Sears Rbck	44½	44
Asarco	15%	15¼	Goodyear	43¼	43¼	Shell Trans	54¼	54%
Ashland Oil	57¼	57%	Gould Inc	18%	18%	Singer	39¼	39%
At Richfield	59%	60	Grace	55	52%	Smthkln Bk	90%	91%
Avon Prods	29%	30	Gt Atl & Tac	24	24¼	Sony	21¼	22
Bkrs Tst NY	44%	44¼	Gr'hnd	33¼	33%	Sth Cal Ed	35%	35¼
Bankamer	15%	15%	Grumen Cor	28	28%	S'Wstn Bell	111%	111%
Bk of Bston	42	42¼	Gulf & West	67½	68	Std Oil	49%	49%
Bank of NY	38%	38¼	Heinz H.J.	41	40%	Sterling Drg	45%	44½
Beth Steel	5%	5%	Hercules	57½	57%	Stevens JP	36%	36½
Boeing	50¼	51½	H'lett-Pkrd	44½	43%	Sun Comp	58	57½
Bse Cascde	62	61%	Honeywell	71½	72¼	Teledyne	319	320%
Brden	49%	52	IC Inds	25%	25%	Tenneco	38%	38%
Bg Warner	38%	39¼	Ingersoll	57%	57½	Texaco	34%	34¼
Brist Myers	77%	78%	Inland Steel	19¼	19	Texas E Cor	30%	30%
BP	39½	39¼	IBM	127%	127½	Texas Inst	124½	119½
Burl'ton Ind	39%	38¼	INCO	12%	12%	Texas Utils	32¼	32%
Burl'ton Ntn	62%	61¼	Int Paper	77%	76%	Textron	69%	67%
Burroughs	n/a	n/a	Int Tel Tel	54%	54½	Travlrs Cor	44¼	44%
Cmpbell Sp	60%	60%	Irving Bank	49½	49%	TRW Inc	92¼	92%
Can Pacific	12%	11%	Jhnsn & Jhn	67%	68%	UAL Inc	58%	58%
Caterpiller	39¼	39%	Kaiser Alum	14%	14½	Unilever NV	229	231
Celanese	241	241	Kerr McGee	30	29%	Un Carbide	22%	23%
Central SW	35½	35¼	Kmb'ly Clrk	84½	85%	Un Pac Cor	64	63%
Champion	32¼	33%	K Mart	50%	50%	Utd Brands	35	34%
Chase Man	36%	36%	Kroger	32%	31½	USG Corp	44¼	43%
Chm Bk NY	45%	44½	L.T.V. Corp	1%	1%	Utd Technol	44½	44%
Chevron	47%	47%	Litton	81%	82%	USX Corp	20%	21
Chrysler	40%	39¼	Lockheed	57%	55	Unocal	26	26
Citicorp	52¼	52	Lucky Strs	33%	31¼	Jim Walter	48%	48
Clark Equip	20½	20%	Man H'nver	46%	45½	Wrner Lmbt	58	57¼
Coca Cola	35%	36½	Manville Cp	2¼	2¼	Wells Fargo	104%	105¼
Colgate	43¼	44¼	Mapco	55%	56	W'sghse El	59¼	59%
CBS	135½	134½	Marine Mid	45	46¼	Weyerh'ser	38¼	39%
C'mbia Gas	44%	44%	Mrt Marietta	43½	43%	Whirlpool	70%	71%
Cmb'tn Eng	33%	33%	Masco	27%	27%	Woolworth	44½	44
Comwlth Ed	33¼	33¼	McDonalds	63¼	63½	Xerox Corp	59%	60½
Cons Edis	49	49%	McDonnell	79%	78%	Zenith	20%	20½
Cn Nat Gas	33¼	34	Mead	56%	57%			
Cons Power	16	16	Merck	110%	110%			
Cntrl Data	26	25%	Mnsta Mng	112%	112			
Corning Gl	55¼	55%	Mobil Oil	39%	39%			
CPC Intl	78%	79¼	Monsanto	80	81¼			
Crane	36%	36%	Morgan J.P.	85	85%			
Curtiss Wrt	52%	52%	Motorola	39%	38¼			
Dart & Kraft	n/a	n/a	NCR Corp	47¼	48%			
Deere	22%	23¼	NL Indstrs	5%	5¼			
Delta Air	48½	48%	Nat Distlrs	46%	45%			
Detroit Ed	18	18%	Nat Med Ent	24%	24¼			
Digital Eq	105	103%	Nat Smcndt	11%	11%			
Disney	43%	43%	Norfolk Sth	84%	84%			
Dow Chem	59	59	NW Bancrp	39	38%			
Dresser Ind	19%	19%	Occidnt Pet	28%	28%			
Duke Power	48¼	48½	Ogden	45¼	45¼			
Du Pont	88½	89%	Olin Corp	44½	44%			
Eastern Air	n/a	n/a	Owens-Ill	46%	46½			
Estm Kodak	67½	67%	Pac Gas El	25%	25½			
Eaton Corp	79	77%	Pan Am	5½	5%			
Emerson El	89¼	87%	Penney J.C.	82	82¼			
Exxon Corp	69	69¼	Pennzoil	73¼	71%			
Fed Dpt Sts	88%	88%	Pepsico	27¼	27%			

CANADIAN PRICES

	Dec 1	Nov 28
Agnico Eag	27½	26%
Alcn Alum	41¼	42¼
Algoma Stl	12	11%
Can Pacific	16%	16%
Cominco	13%	13%
Con Bathrst	28	28
Hkr/Sid Can	26½	26%
Hdsn B Min	24	24%
Imasco	32%	32%
Imperial Oil	47	46¼
In Pipe	39%	39¼
Ryl Trustco	29%	29¼
Seagram	87¼	87%
Steel Co	19%	19¼
Thmsn N 'A'	29½	30
Vanty Corp	2.84	2.90
WCT	12%	13
Weston	30%	30¼

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Takeovers: more winners than losers

Sir Gordon White, chairman of Hanson Industries, the American arm of Hanson Trust, puts the case for more, not less, competition

Michael Ward

Sir Gordon: vital role of mergers and takeovers in modernization

Change is the overriding feature of the modern industrial world. The rise and fall of competitive advantage between industries and between individual companies is constant, kept moving by ferocious competition between businesses and indeed countries.

It is perfectly natural that in this process there are losers as well as winners. No amount of wishful thinking on the part of politicians or businessmen nostalgic for earlier, easier times can change that. What must be done — especially in *this country — is to ease the* path for the businesses and industries which are in the ascendency so that they can flourish and for those in decline to be redeployed with all speed and efficiency.

Entrenched management and trade union attitudes, resistant to inevitable change, have been a major cause of Britain's post-war industrial decline. Indeed the complacent and generally poor management of these sunset industries on the one hand and the lack of political will by successive governments on the other, have come in for much deserved criticism on this score.

A major role played by takeovers is that of displacing unsuccessful managements and restoring the competitive position. This is already occurring in large sections of British industry. It is really surprising that this positive aspect has not been more widely acclaimed, when the constant bleating of sectional interests unwilling and ill-equipped to face up to the new realities, is still able to retain some misplaced credibility.

Captains of yesterday's industries fight fiercely to preserve their areas of privilege and would rather go down with their ship than embrace inevitable change. Seen in the light of industrial reorganization, it becomes clear why merger activity has been much more a feature of post-war Britain and the US.

It is often suggested that the low level of takeover activity in Germany and Japan is direct proof that mergers are harmful. This fails to recognise the vital role that mergers and takeovers play in the essential process of modernization in the UK and the US. The post-war restructuring of Germany and Japan, as is well known, was extensive. It was done out of necessity by other means. The victorious nations had to phase out the pre-war assets (and attitudes) more gradually.

Given the head start that post-war regeneration gave Japan, it is interesting to note that the most powerful commercial forces in Japan today are the conglomerate 'Zaibatsu' rather than one-product producers. In the UK and US, multiproduct companies (like Hanson Trust and BTR) are emerging and gradually taking the place of the traditional, one-product companies. This trend will continue.

I am not for a moment suggesting that all takeovers are beneficial. Some are ill-conceived and do not live up to their promises — either of greater productive efficiency or financial saving. Successful acquisition requires special skills and these are, frankly, not very well distributed among British industrial managements. Yet this does not deter many from embarking on ambitious diversification programmes.

It is the responsibility of management to ensure that it musters the necessary relevant skills. If not, the chickens will soon come home to roost. What I do assert is that restructuring is necessary and that takeovers — particularly contested takeovers — are a major catalyst in this process.

Whatever role the authorities choose to play in this, it should not be part of government policy to protect inept and inefficient managements from being replaced. The benefits to the economy as a whole are clear. Neither is the process unfair or unfortunate from the standpoint of the shareholder, as superior efficiency comes into play as a result.

If there are suspicions about the quality of management the shareholders have ample opportunity to cast their votes in favour of the incumbent management if this is how they see their interests served.

Then there is the nebulous concept of the public interest. Preservation of the competitive position is in the interests of the public whether as consumer, employer or shareholder. It is often suggested that somehow it is more acceptable to allow the free-wheel downhill slide of incumbent management in key areas of industry to continue undisturbed than to revitalize a business. It is hard to see just how the public's interests can be congruent with those of management in these circumstances.

And yet these managements complain that a takeover approach is a diversion of management resources. An earlier investment by management in serving shareholder's interests would have made this all unnecessary and a takeover approach improbable.

Those who clamour for the protection of incumbent management privileges should realize, like King Canute, that change will come willy-nilly. It is they, the opponents of change, who are responsible for the bulge in unemployment that has resulted from the long delayed but vital restructuring of much of the core of British industry that should have taken place long ago.

Argyll rings up £36m despite Distillers scars

By John Bell, City Editor

A year ago yesterday, Mr James Gulliver, the chairman of the Argyll group, embarked on the most ambitious venture of his distinguished business career — the £2.7 billion battle for control of the whisky giant, Distillers. It was also to prove his most disappointing failure, ending in defeat by Guinness after the roughest takeover the City has seen.

Yesterday, Mr Gulliver proved that he is nothing if not durable, turning in excellent half-time profits from Argyll which show that even during the distractions of the bid, he and his colleague Alistair Grant, newly appointed group chief executive, kept the supermarkets-to-whisky group well on track for substantially higher profits next year.

The figures were at the top end of City expectations, showing a 22 per cent rise at the pretax level to £36.3 million.

The profit and loss account bears the legacy of the failed Guinness takeover, which led to interest charges of £2.5 million on the borrowings necessary to finance the £34 million of net expenses incurred during the battle.

The star performer was the food division which produced a 30 per cent increase in operating profit, while the most significant achievement was the increase in net margins from 3.09 per cent to 3.75 per cent, taking Argyll into the same league as its bigger high street rivals.

Only five years ago, Argyll's food retailing margins were a wafer thin 1.6 per cent on sales. After the takeover of the Allied Suppliers chain, Gulliver and his team owned more than 1200 stores, many of them small and inefficient and suppliers were delivering to more than 600 locations.

The profitablity has been improved substantially by a tripartite strategy.

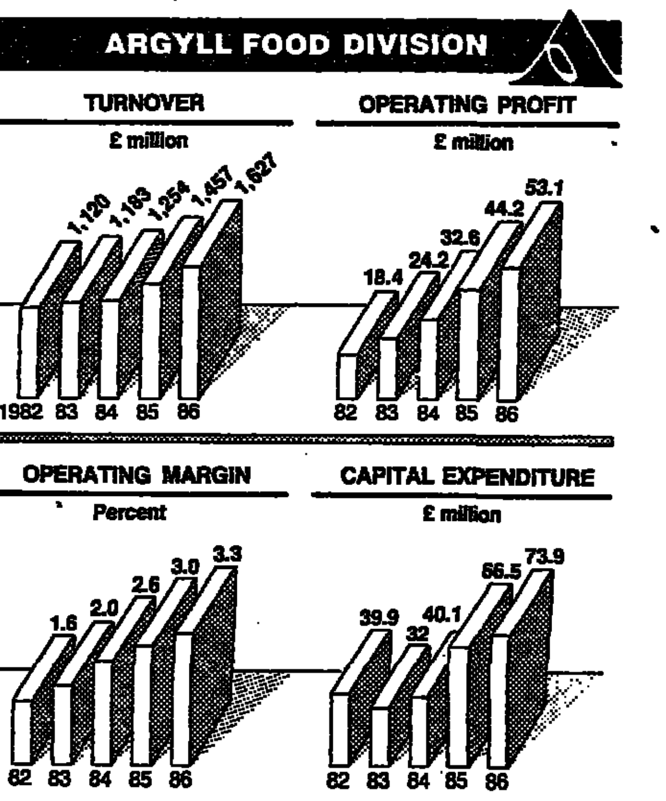
Gulliver's first task was to rationalize the distribution system with a network of new depots. By 1985, just over a third of the food division merchandise went through Argyll's own warehouse system but by 1988 almost 90 per cent will be distributed in-house.

The second step was to make substantial changes to the store portfolio. Although the number of Argyll's outlets has dropped from 1200 in 1982 to 972, its selling space has grown by more than 10 per cent to 5 million square feet.

Stage three was to rationalize the identities of the outlets.

After the half-time figures yesterday, analysts were looking for 20 per cent improvement to £78 million over the full year with a further strong advance to perhaps £95 million next year.

Shareholders are to receive an interim dividend of 3.1 p, an increase of 17 per cent on last year.



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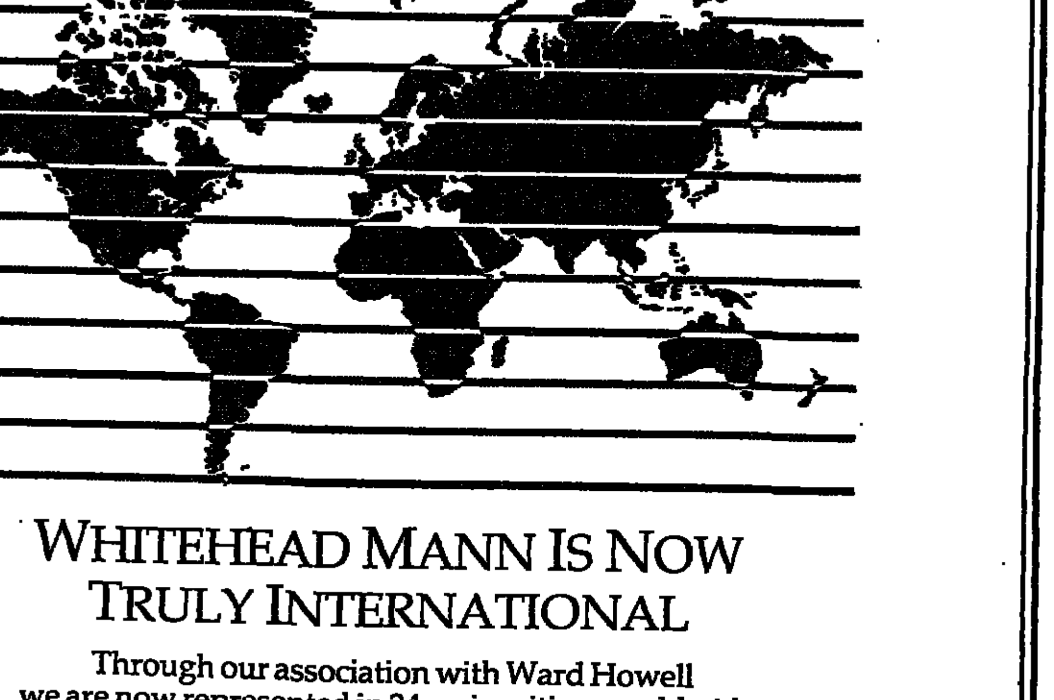

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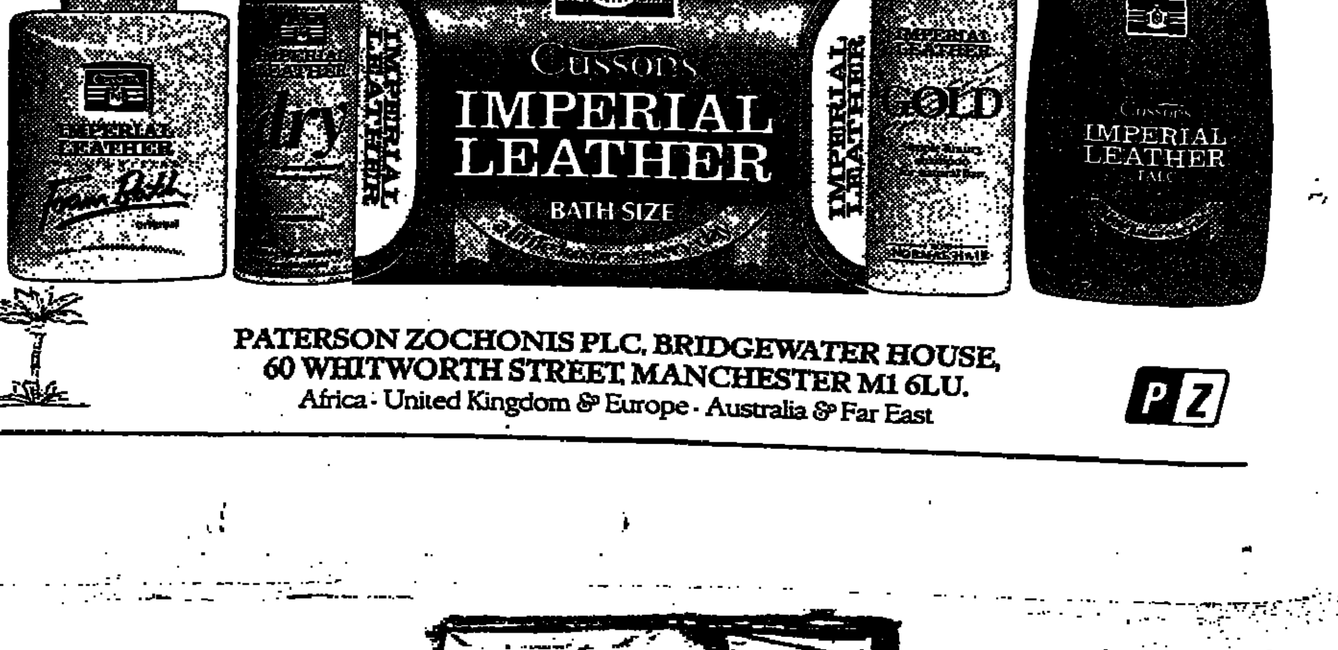
Turnover	£241.7m	£276.6m
Profit before tax	£42.4m	£38.6m
Earnings per share	42.97p	38.61p
Total dividend per share	6.50p	5.90p

Highlights 1985/86: In a year when, as a result of exchange rate movements, the contribution to group profits from the Nigerian operations has declined, it is very encouraging to be able to report improvements elsewhere in the group which more than offset this fall.

Considering the difficulties under which they were operating the Nigerian companies did remarkably well. The new economic measures introduced in September should help to achieve a satisfactory rescheduling of the country's foreign exchange obligations which in turn should allow time for the local economy to benefit from the relaxation of controls.

Profits of the Cussons group showed significant improvement. The U.K. companies made further gains in market share and continued to benefit from favourable raw material prices. Record profits were made in Australia while the Kenya company maintained its position and both these subsidiaries have plans to increase their production capacities.

Current year: The movement in Nigerian exchange rates means that group profits of the first half-year are expected to be lower than the corresponding period of last year. Results of the second half-year should be comparable with the second half of 1985/86.



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STOCK MARKET

Pilkington concern at possible insider trading before bid

By Michael Clark and Carol Leonard

Pilkington Brothers, the biggest glass manufacturer in Britain and currently on the receiving end of an unwelcome £1.2 billion bid from the industrial conglomerate **BTR**, is worried that its shares may have been used for insider trading.

The chairman, Mr Antony Pilkington, the fifth generation of the Pilkington family to run the company, says: "Our shares rose sharply the day before BTR started buying – somebody must have known something."

BTR, which, through its subsidiary Treadstep, now owns more than 8 million Pilkington shares – equivalent to 3.8 per cent of the company – made its first purchase of 200,000 shares at 439p each on Thursday, September 4.

The day before that Pilkington's shares jumped 12p to 433p and they rose a further 6p on the Thursday, before BTR actually made its first purchase.

Yesterday Pilkington's shares firmed a penny to 617p while BTR recovered some of the ground it had lost earlier in the week, climbing 9p to 274p. The BTR offer is now worth 531p a share.

Pilkington hopes that its interim results, out on December 8, together with its official defence document, due to be published on December 10, will lift it even further out of BTR's reach.

But most City experts see the current offer from BTR, whose advisers are Morgan Grenfell, as a "sighting shot" and confidently expect it to go higher before the battle is over. BTR has until January 10 to post details of any improved offer.

In a recently published "buy" circular from Savory Milln, the broker, Mr Mark Stockdale, an anlayst, says: "BTR will have to pay much more, possibly 750p, to win."

Elsewhere the market recovered in most sectors as jobbers, long on stock, marked equities higher in an attmept to entice buyers. But the mood remained cautious and volumes thin, despite the bounce of Wall Street, where indexes hit a new high in early trading.

By the close of business the FT-SE 100 share index was up 7.7 points, off its highest level of the day, at 1625.5. The FT 30-share index closed 5.9 higher at 1, 278.4. Gilts managed to reverse early losses of £⅜.

Among blue chips **GEC** lost 11p to 169p following disappointing interim results, with 17 million shares changing hands in the market. **ICI** gained 20p to 1104p, **Glaxo** 11p to 921p, **Lucas** 11p to 471p, **Vickers** 6p to 386p, **Hawker Siddeley** 4p to 441p, and **British Telecom** 3p to 197p.

Fletcher King, the fully-quoted chartered surveyor, which started dealings yesterday, went to a 20p premium over its 175p offer price. The offer-for-sale, handled by Lazards and Cazenove, had been 25 times over-subscribed.

Bowater, the paper group, jumped 7p to 338p, on talk that Hanson Trust may have done a private deal to sell its 11 per cent stake in the company to Bunzl. Bunzl shares improved 5p to 213p.

Unilever jumped 60p to 2095p as market men gave the thumbs up to the proposed agreed merger of its US offshoot with Cheesbrough-Ponds, in a deal which values Cheesbrough at $3.1 billion.

Tate & Lyle, the Mr Cube sugar producer, advanced 8p to 583p ahead of preliminary results expected later today. These should make pleasant reading. Last night there was talk in the market that a provision of £10 million made by the group a few years back against losses incurred in the Far East may be written back into these figures. Analysts are already looking for pretax profits of about £82 million compared with £76.7 million last time.

Among the high street retailers, Next improved 3p to 235p following a seminar for the company in Edinburgh on Monday night with various City institutions. They were looking for some indication from Mr George Davies, chairman, as to how well this year's merger with Grattan, the mail order group, was progressing.

Woolworth celebrated its debut on the traded option market with a 10p rise to 670p, while speculative buying lifted **Bentalls**, the department store group, 13p to 148p. Earlier this year the group received a bid approach from **Capital and Counties**, the property developer, thought to be worth 170p a share. The approach split the Bentall family, but was eventually rejected.

The appointment of the Department of Trade and Industry investigators at **Guinness** was still a major talking point in the market as the shares slid 4p to 294p.

About £330 million has been wiped off the company's stock market value in the past couple of days. On Monday, the shares were trading at the 331p level. The market believes that more bad news has still to come out of the affair and the revelations from the American arbitrageur, Mr Ivan Boesky, are still thought to be the reason why the DTI decided to appoint its investigators.

Over six million Guinness shares changed hands yesterday bringing the total in the past couple of days to a hefty 26 million. Marketmen claim that a cloud will continue to hang over the shares until the full facts of the affair are brought out into the open.

The reverberations surrounding Guinness continued to be felt by its own financial adviser, **Morgan Grenfell**. Shares of the merchant bank which helped to steer Guinness to victory in the battles for control of both Arthur Bell and Distillers slipped another 1p to a new low of 367p – for a two-day loss of 26p.

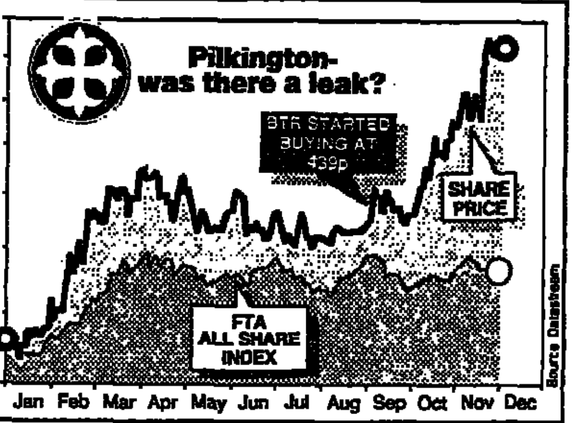
Almost £40 million has been wiped off Morgan's capitalization this week, adding to the gloom of those investors who bought the shares when they were floated off this summer at 500p.

The news from Guinness also succeeded in cutting short a promising rally in shares of Morgan Grenfell. Last week the price briefly touched 420p, but will now probably have to wait until publication of the investigators' findings before enjoying another sustained effort.

There was further heavy trade in **Grand Metropolitan**, the drinks, hotels and food group, where more than three million shares changed hands. Dealers are still convinced that someone may have built up a near 5 per cent stake in the company and hopes remain high that some sort of consortium bid will follow.

Grand Met is thought to be the ideal break-up case. However, the asking price of more than £4 billion may prove to be a stumbling block to all but the most serious of predators. The shares finished the day 8p cheaper at 467p.

The rest of the drinks sector enjoyed selective support, but prices were off their best at the close. **Allied Lyons** firmed 1p to 304p, after 307p, while **Vaux Group**, a recent takeover favourite, rose 3p to 502p, and **Young & Co Brewery** 3p to 295p.



● The rise of Conroy Petroleum, after a recent report in Ireland indicating substantial mineral deposits, is running out of steam. The shares which more than doubled to 690p during November advanced 5p to 560p yesterday. Dublin brokers are urging clients to switch into Glencar.

● Metal Box, up 4p at 185p, has been a firm market on talk of someone trying to build up a near 5 per cent stake – a large buyer has been doing the rounds. He snapped up 1 million shares last week from James Capel, the broker, during its switching operation for the Post Office Pension Fund.

ALPHA STOCKS

These prices are as at 6.45pm

1986 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer		Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E	Volume traded '000
363	283	Allied-Lyons	300	305		..	14.5	4.8	13.8	636
174	126	ASDA-MFI	148	152		+2	4.5	3.0	16.4	521
483	264	BTR	272	277		+10	9.8	3.6	19.2	5,300
491	361	BAT	452	457		+4	18.4	4.0	11.9	912
572	449	Barclays	470	477		+5	28.1	5.9	6.8	821
840	680	Bass	720	730		–2	21.7	3.0	15.4	386
450	356	Beecham	415	420	●	+1	17.1	4.1	17.4	938
726	526	Blue Circle	643	648		..	30.0	4.6	9.2	101
383	293	BOC	345	348		+7	14.1	4.1	13.2	4,000
289	170	Boots	229	232	●	..	10.6	4.6	15.1	3,900
608	423	Br Aerospace	500	505		+5	23.4	4.7	10.6	1,500
709	530	Br Petroleum	675	680		+3	48.6	7.2	7.4	3,700
280	177½	Br Telecom	194	198		+2	10.7	5.5	11.4	4,000
193	98	Britoil	151	153		+3	9.3	6.1	4.1	1,900
354	256	Burton	262	266		+2	8.1	3.1	14.8	1,500
369	277	Cable & Wireless	320	327		+2	7.2	2.2	17.7	2,800
196	158	Cadbury Schweppes	180	183		+1	8.7	4.8	21.2	2,300
336	257	Com Union	257	260		+1	17.4	6.7	..	1,500
704	409	Cons Goldfields	645	652	●	..	35.0	5.4	18.5	290
330	252	Courtaulds	315	318		..	10.2	3.2	10.7	2,100
438	318	Dixons Grp	332	336		+4	4.3	1.3	23.8	1,700
650	408	Fisons	545	550	●	+2	8.4	1.5	24.4	712
954	701	Gen Accident	818	825	●	+5	34.3	4.2	20.7	432
226	158	GEC	166	170		–12	6.1	3.6	10.5	17,000
11¼	756½	Glaxo	917	927		+12	20.0	2.2	19.3	1,700
481	328	Grand Met	463	468		–9	13.5	2.9	15.6	5,400
11½	721	GUS 'A	10	10⅛	●	..	30.0	3.0	14.1	151
954	720	GRE	770	777	●	+5	42.5	5.5	22.4	346
385	235	GKN	275	278	●	+2	17.9	6.5	9.3	992
355	275	Guinness	283	288		–12	10.3	3.6	10.8	6,300
215½	141	Hanson	192	194		–2	5.7	3.0	17.2	9,700
628	403	Hawker Siddley	438	444	●	+4	21.4	4.9	9.7	406
11⅛	734	Imp Chem Ind	11	11		+⅛	48.6	4.4	12.4	2,500
583	335	Jaguar	520	525		+7	12.7	2.4	10.8	873
391	312	Ladbroke	355	360		+2	16.8	4.7	17.1	512
349	276	Land Securities	343	346	●	+2	14.5	4.2	23.1	709
288	133	Legal & Gen	237	242		+2	12.3	5.1	30.6	871
484	293	Lloyds	425	430		+6	25.0	5.8	6.9	659
283	183	Lonrho	229	231		+5	17.1	7.4	11.3	2,400
231	163	Marks & Spencer	183	186	●	..	5.8	3.1	22.1	1,900
599	417	Midland	545	550		+1	37.1	6.8	20.3	796
593	426	Nat West	488	493		+4	27.6	5.6	5.1	1,400
578	428	P & O Dfrd	520	525	●	+7	25.0	4.8	16.0	2,000
246	162	Plessey	168	172		..	7.2	4.2	12.8	2,300
942	718	Prudential	815	822		+2	38.6	4.7	54.1	383
234	148	Racal Elect	176	180		+6	4.3	2.4	18.8	5,700
900	605	Reckit Colman	798	805	●	..	23.9	3.0	17.3	889
589	345	Reuters	565	570		+15	5.4	1.0	43.0	747
791	511	RTZ	663	670	●	+3	31.4	4.7	8.8	598
967	762	Royal Ins	813	820	●	+3	38.6	4.7	67.0	2,000
426	344	Sainsbury (J)	415	419		+3	8.4	2.0	24.2	478
148½	39	Sears	123	124½	●	+½	5.0	4.0	16.0	3,100
415	321	Sedgwick Gp	325	330		+3	17.1	5.2	15.6	781
970	653	Shell	943	948		+10	51.4	5.4	9.3	1,400
174	96	STC	168	172		+2	2.1	1.2	15.8	3,100
772	520	Sun Alliance	620	627	●	+6	27.5	4.4	56.2	578
81¼	75¾	TSB P/P	76	77½		+½	..	..	..	—
420	265	Tesco	375	380		+2	8.9	2.4	21.6	401
529	374	Thorn EMI	468	475		+3	25.0	5.3	34.5	241
349	133½	Trafalgar House	270	273		–10	18.9	6.9	7.4	4,200
208	139	Trusthouse Forte	177	180		..	7.9	4.4	17.7	1,100

COMMENT Kenneth Fleet

Three men finding it tougher at the top

Managing, successfully, a major company is never easy, not least because success itself brings its own problems. You are only as good as the next set of profit figures; growth is not a continuous process; and the temptations of maturity can be as damaging to corporate health as the temptations of youth.

Thus, after the latest results, critics of GEC will feel surer of their ground and admirers of Trafalgar House will feel uneasy. At GEC the direction has become less sure, or if not the direction, the will. Trafalgar House has lacked none of its former boldness; its judgement of the right opportunities is less good.

Sir Nigel Broackes is hoping that the award of the Dartford Bridge contract marked the turning of the tide in Trafalgar's sea of recent misfortunes – Scott Lithgow, an ill-timed commitment to oil and gas, the tourist fall-out from Chernobyl and the Libyan raid – and indeed the second half of the current financial year should bring better results. But some of the bounce has gone and the dividend reflects promise rather than performance.

For Lord Weinstock the problems are of a greater magnitude. Moreover, some of the possible solutions are in the hands of others – the award of the critical airborne early warning system contract for example – or are made difficult by distortions in the current image of GEC, which contrasts for instance with the flattering public perception of Plessey. GEC can no longer afford simply to stand its ground; it needs to move forward.

But neither Traflagar nor GEC is faced with the horrendous problems which suddenly confront Guinness. The sudden decision of the Department ot Trade to send in inspectors, almost irrespective of their findings, is clearly damaging to the business itself. In particular the three managing directors in charge of Guinness's three main divisions, if it is humanly possibly, have to shut out other considerations and continue running the business. With an important set of results due next week Guinness is under the microscope –

For its part the Department of Trade ought, without further delay, to detail the reasons why it has acted in the way it has. Both Guinness management and Guinness shareholders should not be left to speculate in the dark about what exactly the DTI suspects may have happened during the bid for Distillers (DCL) to break the law. It appeared yesterday that the inspectors were concentrating on dealings in Guinness shares, acting on information received from the United States based on the testimony, in various forms, of fallen arbitrageur, Ivan Boesky. Having been more specific about its concerns, the DTI should ensure that its inspectors do their work as rapidly as possible. A prolonged period of uncertainty about the outcome of their investigations would compound the damage already done by the fact of the inquiry.

If the investigation cannot be carried out properly except over months, it would raise a very difficult question for the Guinness board and in particular for Mr Ernest Saunders. Would it make sense, during a lengthy investigation for him to attempt three jobs: responding to the inquisitors, presiding as chairman and overseeing and directing the group as chief executive. In the last analysis the board's first responsibility is the health and prosperity of Guinness.

Unilever patience rewarded

Unilever's American megabid looks like a case of patience rewarded. Last year it failed, as the perceived hostile aggressor, in a bid for Richardson-Vicks. This time the positions were reversed. The Anglo-Dutch group, which has long gone native in the US, emerged as the white knight for Chesebrough-Pond's to counter a hostile bid from American Brands.

Both the commercial fit and the timing, in terms of sterling-dollar currency swings, look better as a result of the year's delay to Unilever's ambitions. Admittedly, by overbidding about $300 million (£208.3 million) at $3.1 billion, Unilever has set itself much to do to establish a bargain buy. Chesebrough's net income was only $82 million in 1985, though the $138 million for the first nine months of this year shows the improving trend well enough.

The logic,however, is powerful. Unilever in the US is strong through the Lipton tea and grocery business and National Starch. But, margarine apart, Lever Brothers has for some time looked liked the also-ran in its long-running battles with Procter & Gamble and Colgate-Palmolive, particularly in toiletries, where it has not quite the size and distribution expected from a multinational of this stature. Lever Brothers in the US made an estimated $80 million loss last year compared with group North American trading profits of $108 milllion.

Chesebrough will make good this weakness at one go through its dominant if mature brands. It will also strengthen the grocery operations

The bid arithmetic will, however, depend intitially on how much of the purchase price can be recouped by selling some of Chesebrough's less inspired diversifications into chemicals. If Unilever can sell divisions with the skill of a Hanson, as well as achieving long-term commercial logic for itself, it will have made a good buy.

Perot cannot resist a final jab at flank of General Motors

From Bailey Morris
Washington

Mr Ross Perot has a knack of placing himself in the eye of the storm. The Texas billionaire's allegations that he was paid $700 million (£488 million) in a "hushmail" buyout agreement to still his criticism of General Motors, the world's largest corporation, was in character.

Equally in character was his claim that he had been enlisted secretly by the National Security Council to provide $2 million in ransom money to free American hostages in Lebanon.

Mr Perot said yesterday he had been contacted by Lieutenant-Colonel Oliver North to provide ransom money. He made no apology. It was Mr Perot, after all, who staged a successful and daring commando raid in 1979 to free two of his company's employees held captive in Iran.

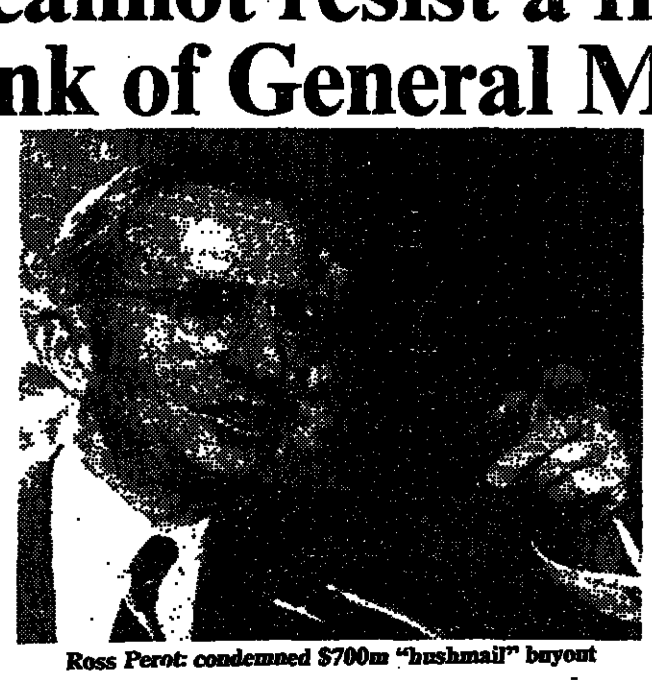
Mr Perot, an outspoken entrepreneur, has been at the centre of national events since founding Electronic Data Systems Corporation, the Dallas computer giant.

As part of the agreement with GM to buy his shares for $700 million – a price well above the going market rate – Mr Perot assented not to criticize GM or face a penalty of $7.5 million. GM confirmed in its press statement yesterday that this was a clause in the agreement.

"Is this greenmail?" Mr Perot was asked. "No, it is more like hushmail, so do not ask questions that will lose me too much money," he replied.

Two years ago, when he sold his company to GM for $2.5 billion, Mr Perot said he was taking on an exciting new challenge. "We want to be part of the revitalization of the world's biggest corporation. We could not think of anything that would be more fun or more challenging," Mr Perot said.

But his dream soured when it became apparent that Mr Perot's free-wheeling management style was incompatible with the structured, bureaucratic approach of GM's leaders. The relationship between Mr Perot and Mr Roger Smith, GM's chairman, grew stormy.



Ross Perot: condemned $700m "hushmail" buyout

Describing GM's cars as "over-priced under-achievers", Mr Perot became one of the lead voices in the growing chorus of criticism against the US "corporcracy", a term coined by Mr Richard Darman, the US deputy Treasury secretary, to describe bloated, unproductive managements.

Mr Perot ridiculed GM for its inability to change with the times and produce cars consumers wanted. "Trying to change GM's corporate culture was like trying to teach an elephant to tap-dance," he said.

He advocated full-scale reforms from his position on the GM board, urging Mr Smith and other executives "on the 14th floor to get down to the real places where people are doing the real work of building cars."

At a news conference, after the buyout announcement, Mr Perot could not resist one last criticism. He described the expensive buyout "morally wrong" at a time when GM was paying off workers, closing plants and scaling back investments in new technology.

Buyout likely after missed forecast

By Cliff Feltham

A management buyout is on the cards at Ford & Weston Group, the East Midlands builder and shopfitter, after a warning yesterday that the company will miss its profit forecast by a "very substantial margin."

Those who bought shares, sponsored by Lloyds Merchant Bank, at the 85p placing price when the company was floated on the Unlisted Securites Market in June are likely to be given the chance to pull out on the same terms.

The company had forecast profits for the current year of £925,000 compared with £776,000 last year. Trading in the shares was suspended last month.

The company admitted that its forecast would be missed because of "serious losses on recently-completed contracts" at one of its subsidiaries in the South-east.

It said: "The trading performance of this particular subsidiary does not affect the performance of any other subsidiary in the group. The group's position remains strong, and the group has more than adequate resources to meet its trading commitments."

The problems apparently relate to contracts entered into by the Miskins offshoot, a Welwyn builder acquired in 1982. Miskins had run into difficulties in the past, but it was expected to return to profit this year.

However, conditions worsened, and losses are expected to dent an otherwise profitable performance by the group.

Mr Edward Stanger, chairman and chief executive said: "It is very unfortunate but we are advised that, in view of the circumstances, it is best to consider giving shareholders the chance to sell their shares at the same price they paid, so that they do not suffer any loss. It is a pity because the rest of the group is doing so well."

A number of private building companies has also expressed an interest in bidding for Ford & Weston.

The company was formed in 1874, but the real growth began in the mid 1970s with the arrival of Mr Stanger, a Scottish chartered accountant specializing in breathing life into family construction businesses in need of a change of style and management.

He embarked on an acquisition programme, bringing Ford & Weston to the USM to raise money to cut borrowings

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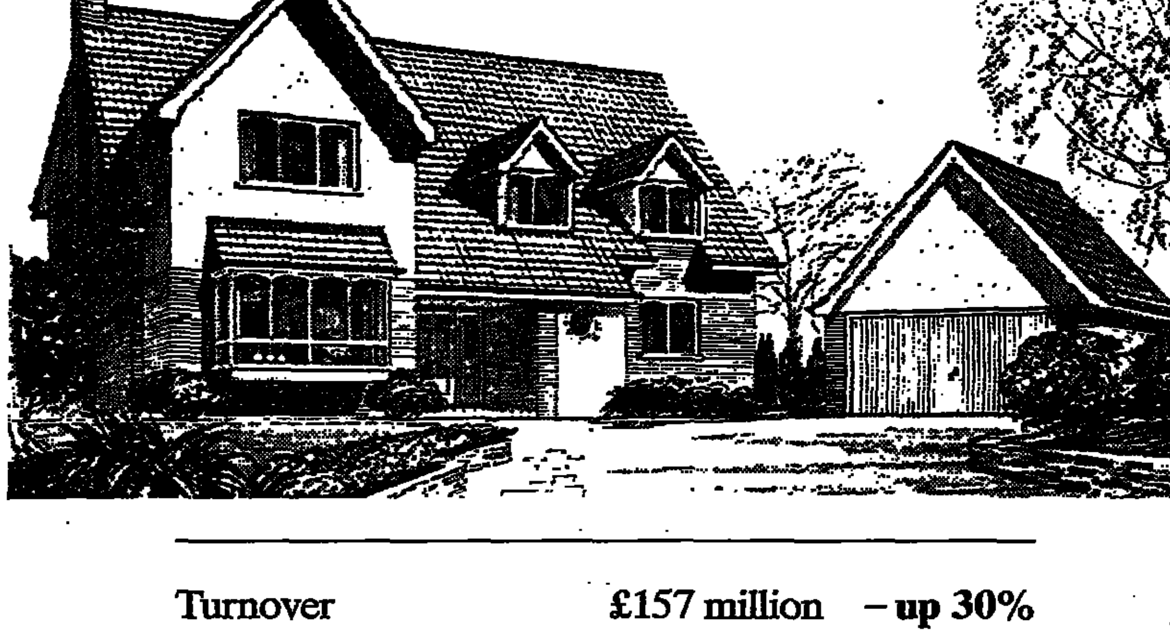

Turnover	£157 million	– up 30%
Pre-tax profit	£13.5 million	– up 16%
Earnings per share	10.3p	– up 25%
Total dividend per share	3.7p	– up 12%

Bryant Homes
Raising the Standard

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COMPANY NEWS

● **PLATON INTERNATIONAL**: Interim dividend 1.02p. Figures in £000 for half year to October 3. Turnover 5,020.9 (2,852), pretax profit 413.4 (256.3), tax 84.9 (75.4), earnings per share 7.58p (4.16). With the major contribution historically occurring in the second half, the board views the future with optimism. Contracts have been exchanged for the acquisition by Platon K and N of 51 per cent of New Technology Systems, of Maidenhead, for £104,000 cash.

● **(THOMAS) BORTHWICK & SONS**: Dividend 0.75p (0.5). Figures in £000 for year to September 28. Group turnover 353,907 (552,690), pretax profit 1,171 (4,699), tax 410 (1,502), extraordinary credit 3,155 (nil), earnings per share before extraordinary items 1.5p (5.3). The directors say that they intend to consider the declaration of an interim dividend in the current year if trading maintains the encouraging note on which it has begun.

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● **ARLEN**: Interim dividend 0.5p (nil), payable March 28. Figures in £000 for six months to September 30. Turnover 4,979.9 (3,358.0), pretax profit 501.6 (2.2), tax 121.4 (nil), earnings per share 5.17p (0.036), fully diluted 5.44p (nil). The chairman says that the company's performance continues to show all-round improvement. The company has agreed to acquire the entire share capital of Scandinavian Decor for a total of 585,000 shares. Much attention is being given to extending the product range of the Columbia companies.

● **CREIGHTON LABORATORIES**: Interim dividend 1.2p, payable January 19. Figures in £000 for six months to September 30. Turnover 1,972 (1,522), profit on ordinary activities before tax 257 (213), tax 85 (91), profit on ordinary activities after tax 172 (122), profit attributable 159 (122), earnings per share 5.1p (3.7). The chairman says that the company traditionally experiences a busy period in the three months leading to Christmas. Demand is again buoyant and the soap finishing plant is particularly busy.

● **STIRLING GROUP**: Interim dividend 0.85p (0.6), payable February 20. Figures in £000 for half year to September 30. Sales 18,717 (12,393), pretax profit 1,622 (1,076), earnings per share 5.75p (4.42). Part of the increase in sales and profits is attributable to figures for the Forster Group, acquired in January.

● **LYNTON HOLDINGS**: Interim dividend 3.3p (3), payable January 5. Figures in £000 for six months to September 30. Pretax pft 1,237 (929), tax 316 (221), earnings per share 6.87p (4.94). The board says that the company has considerably increased its activity and has broadened its range of developments. The investment portfolio and there has been a further net increase in income derived from investment properties. A site for a 90,000-sq ft retail development has just been acquired and a 41,000-sq ft office building has been purchased in London's West End.

● **CHELSEA MAN**: Interim dividend 0.8p, payable January 20. Figures in £000 for 26 weeks to September 27. Turnover 2,020 (1,364), pretax profit 524 (300), tax 181 (126), earnings per share 3.36p (1.82). The board says that the company is actively continuing its policy of seeking additional retail outlets in the Midlands and the Home Counties.

● **DRUMMOND GROUP**: Interim dividend 1.2p (1). Figures in £000 for half-year to September 30. Turnover 12,859 (10,103), pretax profit 748 (574), earnings per share, fully diluted 8.14p (6.33). The chairman says that the poor spring and summer weather affected high street clothing sales, particularly retailer confidence in placing forward commitments. But the company's order book is ahead of the corresponding period, and he is confident of another "useful increase" in profits for the full financial year.

● **ZYGAL DYNAMICS**: Figures in £000 for six months to September 30. Turnover 2,432 (1,640), pretax profit 206 (77 loss), tax debit 40 (33 credit), earnings per share 3.3p (0.9p loss). The board says that the management reorganization after withdrawal from the sale of IBM personal computers and related products has resulted in improved performance throughout the group. The order backlog remains at a high level, with significant orders received recently in each of the operating groups.

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
Nov 17	Nov 28	Feb 19	Mar 2
Dec 1	Dec 12	Mar 5	Mar 16
Dec 15	Jan 22	Mar 19	Mar 30

Call options were taken out on: 2/12/86 European Ferries, Guinness, Grand Met., Mitchell Cotts, London Securities, Metal Closures, Foseco Minsep, Amstrad, Barham, Trust House Forte, Alpine Soft Drinks, Dares Estates, Atlantic Resources, Skyline Exploration, Saga, Stormguard, Saatchi & Saatchi, J. Billam, Parkdale Holdings, NMC Investments, Berkeley & Hay Hill Investments, Petranol, Premier Oil, Sears.
Puts & Calls: H. Young, Amstrad Consumer Electronics.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

Three Month Sterling	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Dec 86	88.58	88.62	88.56	88.62	1041
Mar 87	88.58	88.62	88.55	88.62	3926
Jun 87	88.99	89.10	88.97	89.08	408
Sep 87	89.09	89.20	89.09	89.18	82
Dec 87	89.04	89.06	89.03	89.05	79
Mar 88	N/T	—	—	88.86	0
Previous day's total open interest 15798					
Three Month Eurodollar		Previous day's total open interest 25305			
Dec 86	93.90	93.93	93.90	93.92	1084
Mar 87	94.01	94.04	93.98	94.04	2115
Jun 87	93.96	94.00	93.95	94.00	403
Sep 87	93.79	93.84	93.78	93.83	666
US Treasury Bond		Previous day's total open interest 3292			
Dec 86	99-04	100-08	99-04	100-00	1076
Mar 87	98-08	99-10	98-06	99-02	5222
Jun 87	N/T	—	—	98-06	0
—	—	—	—	—	—
Short Gilt		Previous day's total open interest 680			
Dec 86	95-35	95-38	95-35	95-46	47
Mar 87	95-40	96-48	95-40	95-58	37
Jun 87	N/T	—	—	—	0
—	—	—	—	—	—
Long Gilt		Previous day's total open interest 20629			
Dec 86	108-26	107-18	106-20	107-20	206
Mar 87	107-00	108-02	106-20	107-25	25277
Jun 87	N/T	—	—	107-25	0
Sep 87	N/T	—	—	—	0
FT-SE 100		Previous day's total open interest 2897			
Dec 86	162.20	164.20	162.20	163.40	269
Mar 87	165.20	168.20	165.10	166.10	10

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES				RIGHTS ISSUES	
Avis Europe (250p)	231½ -½	Lloyds Chemist (105p)	133 -1		
Baker Harris Sndr (170p)	194	Lon& Metropolitan (145p)	170	Blacks Leisure N/P	3¼
Blenheim Exhib (95p)	140	M & G Group	273 +2	Cook WM N/P	8
Bilston&Battersea (103p)	143	Mecca Leisure (135p)	150½ -½		
Brake Bros (125p)	150 -1	Miss Sam Hidgs (105p)	104	Glanfield N/P	27
Daniel S (130p)	156 +1	Plum Hidgs (90p)	99	Lon Assc Inv F/P	22 +1
Fletcher King (175p)	190	Quarto (115p)	130	Norfolk Cap F/P	24
Geest (125p)	156 +1	Spandex	221		
Glentree (16p)	50 -1	Sumit (135p)	140	Petrocan F/P	65
Gordon Russell (190p)	207	TSB Chan Isles (70p)	91 +1	Regalian N/P	6
Guthrie Corp (150p)	168	TSB Group (100p)	76¾ +¼	Throg Sec N/P	2
Halls Homes & Gdns (95p)	108	Virgin (140p)	134½ -½		
Harrison (150p)	160 -1	Whitney Mackay (160p)	167 +1	Waddington N/P	10
Interlink Express (185p)	205 -1	Wooltons Better (104p)	85 -1	Walker (A)fred	
		Ward Group (97p)	103	(Issue price in brackets).	

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

Base Rates %
Clearing Banks 11
Finance House 11½
Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 10½ Low 4
Week fixed: 10½
Treasury Bills (Discount %)

Buying		Selling	
2 mnth	10 13/16	2 mnth	10⅝
3 mnth	10⅝	3 mnth	10 11/16

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)
1 mnth 10 15/16-10⅞ 2 mnth 10 15/16-10⅞
3 mnth 10 29/32-10 27/32 6 mnth 10 15/16-10 13/16
Trade Bills (Discount %)
1 mnth 11 7/16 2 mnth 11 7/16
3 mnth 11 13/32 6 mnth 11 5/16
Interbank (%)
Overnight: open 10⅞ close 5
1 week 10 15/16-10 13/16 6 mnth 11⅛-11⅜
1 mnth 11⅛-11 9 mnth 11½-11⅜
3 mnth 11 7/16-11⅜ 12 mth 11½-11⅜
Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 days 10⅞ 7 days 10⅞
1 mnth 10⅞ 3 mnth 11⅛
6 mnth 11⅜ 12 mth 11⅜
Local Authority Bonds (%)
1 mnth 11⅜-11⅛ 2 mnth 11⅜-11⅛
3 mnth 11⅜-11⅛ 6 mnth 11⅜-11⅛
9 mnth 11⅝-11⅜ 12 mth 11⅝-11⅜
Sterling CDs (%)
1 mnth 11⅛-11 3 mnth 11⅜-11⅛
6 mnth 11⅜-11⅛ 12 mth 11 5/16-11 3/16
Dollar CDs (%)
1 mnth 6.30-6.25 3 mnth 6.05-6.00
6 mnth 5.95-5.90 12 mth 6.05-6.00

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Dollar
7 days 6 3/16-6 call 6⅝-5⅝
3 mnth 6 3/16-6 1/16 1 mnth 6⅛-6⅛
6 mnth 6⅛-6
Deutschmark
7 days 4 13/16-4 11/16 call 5-4
3 mnth 4 13/16-4 11/16 1 mnth 4 15/16-13/16
6 mnth 4 13/16-11/16
French Franc
7 days 7⅞-7⅝ call 7⅝-6⅝
3 mnth 8⅝-8⅜ 1 mnth 8⅛-8
6 mnth 8⅜-8⅝
Swiss Franc
7 days 2⅜-1⅞ call 2⅜-1⅛
3 mnth 4⅛-4 1 mnth 4 3/16-4 1/16
6 mnth 4 1/16-3 15/16
Yen
7 days 4⅜-4⅛ call 4½-3½
3 mnth 4 9/16-4 7/16 1 mnth 4⅜-4⅜
6 mnth 4 9/16-4 7/16

GOLD

Gold:$387.50-388.00
Krugerrand* (per coin):
$ 385.00-388.00 (£268.75-270.75)
Sovereigns* (new):
$ 91.50-92.50 (£63.75-64.50)
Platinum
$ 485.50 (£338.90)
*Excludes VAT

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV Average reference rate for interest period November 1, 1986 to November 28, 1986 inclusive: 11.248 per cent.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

	Market rates day's range December 2	Market rates close December 2	1 month	3 months
N York	1.4300-1.4335	1.4325-1.4335	0.60-0.59prem	1.83-1.80prem
Montreal	1.9755-1.9818	1.9790-1.9818	0.49-0.40prem	1.50-1.35prem
Ams'dam	3.1841-3.1974	3.1930-3.1974	1½-1¼prem	4⅝-4⅜prem
Brussels	58.54-58.85	58.73-58.85	21-16prem	56-47prem
C'phgen	10.8347-10.8810	10.8664-10.8810	1⅜-1prem	3¼-2½prem
Dublin	1.0363-1.0467	1.0395-1.0405	24-50dis	70-114dis
Frankfurt	2.8160-2.8290	2.8449-2.8290	1⅜-1½prem	4⅝-4⅜prem
Lisbon	209.79-211.66	210.43-211.66	84-121dis	213-329dis
Madrid	190.81-191.37	191.09-191.37	15-35dis	30-120dis
Milan	1950.74-1963.86	1958.19-1963.86	2prem-2dis	3 prem-1 dis
Oslo	10.6578-10.7623	10.7439-10.7623	5⅜-6dis	14-14⅜dis
Paris	9.2335-9.2795	9.2604-9.2795	2⅜-2⅛prem	6⅜-5⅞prem
St'khlm	9.8270-9.8742	9.8602-9.8742	1⅜-1prem	4⅜-3⅞prem
Tokyo	231.83-232.82	232.16-232.62	1⅜-1⅛prem	4-3¾prem
Vienna	19.81-19.97	19.94-19.97	9⅜-8⅞prem	28⅜-25⅞prem
Zurich	2.3478-2.3610	2.3562-2.3610	1½-1¼prem	4¾-4½prem

Sterling index compared with 1975 was down at 67.8 (day's range 67.6-67.9).

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	1.6848-1.6918
Australia dollar	2.1959-2.1992
Bahrain dinar	0.5385-0.5425
Brazil cruzado*	20.2485-20.3645
Cyprus pound	0.7260-0.7360
Finland marka	6.9530-6.9930
Greece drachma	194.75-196.75
Hong Kong dollar	11.1210-11.1244
India rupee	18.60-18.80
Iraq dinar	n/a
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4185-0.4225
Malaysia dollar	3.7100-3.7200
Mexico peso	1240.0-1290.0
New Zealand dollar	2.8342-2.8476
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.3550-5.3950
Singapore dollar	3.1328-3.1365
South Africa rand	3.1491-3.1654
U A E dirham	5.2455-5.2855

*Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.3815-1.3845
Singapore	2.1888-2.1898
Malaysia	2.5940-2.5960
Australia	0.6573-0.6578
Canada	1.3815-1.3820
Sweden	6.8725-6.8775
Norway	7.4900-7.4950
Denmark	7.4400-7.4450
West Germany	1.9722-1.9732
Switzerland	1.6432-1.6442
Netherlands	2.2285-2.2295
France	6.4550-6.4600
Japan	161.95-162.05
Italy	1368.0-1369.0
Belgium(Comm)	40.97-41.02
Hong Kong	7.7700-7.7800
Portugal	146.70-147.00
Spain	133.30-133.40
Austria	13.85-13.87

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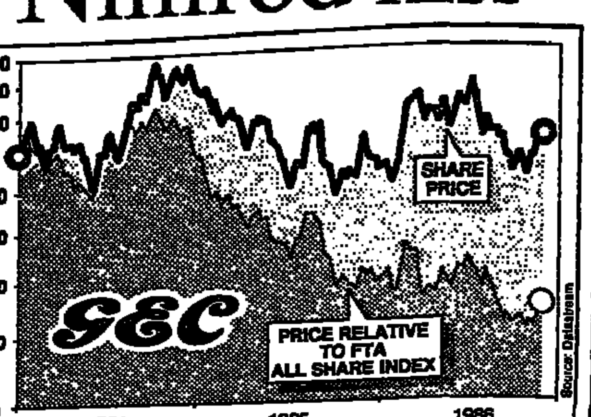
TEMPUS

Sleeping GEC waits for the Nimrod kiss



GEC managed to confirm the City's worst fears rather than boost its confidence at the company's half-time début in front of analysts yesterday. Although lower first-half profits had been flagged, there was disappointment both in the mix of the figures and the short-term outlook.

Some were hoping for a marked recovery in the second half but it appears that the sleeping giant will continue to grow at a below-average rate.

Even Marconi, GEC's star performer, which has enjoyed a 24 per cent increase in its order book is not going to grow by more than 10 per cent. This does not pressage well for the rest of the group.

GEC must be fed up being compared to Plessey. Admittedly, Plessey has a different mix in its telecommunications business but it is hard not to draw conclusions from GEC's flat performance and Plessey's increase in profits of more than 50 per cent.

A fall-off in Middle Eastern engineering activity had an adverse affect on engineering operations while power generation needs a resurgence in activity to boost profits.

The only flicker of excitement for GEC is the possibility of being awarded the Nimrod contract. The political risk for the Government of choosing the Boeing Awacs E3 system would be colossal, so force of circumstance should bring the contract GEC's way.

Although the immediate effect on the shares will be more in the form of a removal of a negative, the effect on trading in the years ahead should be significant. It is well acknowledged that Nimrod has far better export potential than Awacs (Airborne Warning And Command System). A recommendation is being made by the Defence Procurement Committee tomorrow and the Cabinet should be in a position to announce its decision in the next two weeks.

In the meantime, analysts are reducing their forecasts for this year. On £690 million pretax profit and a reducing tax charge, the shares are selling on a 10 per cent discount to the market. Judging by yesterday's share price reaction, there are those who are not prepared to support it at these levels.

Trafalgar House

How the mighty have fallen! A plunging oil price hard on the heels of major investments in oil-related companies have left Trafalgar House's balance sheet exposed and its share price reeling.

Yesterday's preliminary results have only deepened the gloom. Shareholders' funds have sunk to £440 million because of extraordinary charges of £79 million, mainly the write-down of oil and gas investments, and another £50 million write-down charged direct to reserves for the £12 million Scott Lithgow acquisition made in 1984. This is on top of £60 million charged the year before.

Included in the provisions are penalty payments, unquantifiable till delivery next February. These are payable to Britoil for late completion of its drilling platform.

Trafalgar House intends to submit a misrepresentation claim to British Shipbuilders, previous owners of Scott Lithgow, for these amounts which the last annual report and accounts described as "substantial." But the usual stately pace of the legal process means that it could be a long time before Trafalger House sees its money back.

Scott Lithgow remains short of work beyond a six-month horizon. Trafalgar's other yards have trimmed back, and are operating at 60 per cent capacity.

The first six months of the new financial year are likely to be down on the comparable period of last year. There will be no contribution from the QE2 which is being re-engined and refitted at a cost of £100 million.

It is early days at John Brown, only three months were included in the 1986 results when it made only a small profit before interest. But the acquisition significantly increases the goup's exposure to oil-related offshore construction, a sector which is unlikely to revive until the oil price rises at least to $25 a barrel, and confidence that it will stay there.

The second half of 1987 looks brighter, and September 1987 pretax profits should be about £146 million, the same as 1986. But investors will want to know the full extent of the bad news still to come before buying the shares.

BOC

BOC is learning how to manipulate the City. In August it announced that 1986 results would contain an £128 million write-down of assets in the carbon division. Analysts had been worried about the poor performance of the graphite electrodes business and were relieved that BOC was at last biting the bullet.

Consequently, the shares reacted favourably both at the time of this announcement and when the full figures were revealed yesterday. Another sigh of relief was breathed sincethe group has decided also to stop presenting figures on a modified historic cost accounting basis.

Definitions of a mature business vary, but BOC insists that the industrial gases is not ex-growth. In Britain, for example, the group sells three times as much nitrogen as oxygen.

Even in the US where industrial activty remains stagnant, the group is confident of improving profitability. However, currencies will continue to have an adverse effect in Japan for the remainder of the year.

Healthcare accounts for half of its turnover in the United States. It is a fragmented market, so there continue to be opportunities to make acquisitions.

The effect of lower reimbursement levels on Glasrock's profits should be less marked this year and there will be cost saving following the installation of new computer systems.

Helped by a lower depreciation charge and assets halved to £130 million, it will be less difficult for the Carbon business to perform acceptably.

Sentiment is swinging BOC's way. On a current year, figures as good as those forecast by the company — £255 million pretax and 35.5p of earnings — the shares are selling on under 10 times earnings. This is unduly modest given the quality of the business and the better outlook on the earnings front.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Puts Jan	Puts Apr	Puts Jul
Allied Lyons (*307)	300	16	25	32	12	15	20
	330	5	15	20	33	35	38
	360	1	8	—	63	65	—
BP (*681)	600	92	108	—	1	10	—
	650	45	65	87	6	27	38
	700	16	37	53	26	53	63
Cons Gold (*649)	550	112	135	—	3	10	—
	600	77	100	116	12	23	32
	650	43	67	84	30	45	55
Courtaulds (*321)	260	64	75	—	½	2	—
	280	44	56	67	2	4	6
	300	27	42	54	5	8	13
	330	10	22	32	16	22	25
Com Union (*256)	260	13	21	28	9	18	21
	280	5	12	20	24	33	36
	300	1½	6	14	42	47	48
Cable & Wire (*325)	300	34	45	58	5	18	22
	325	18	30	—	17	30	—
	350	7	18	—	32	43	—
	375	2	—	—	53	—	—
GEC (*174)	160	22	31	38	3	5	8
	180	10	15	22	9½	15	18
	200	3½	6	12	28	32	34
Grand Met (*471)	360	125	130	—	1	1½	—
	390	95	100	—	1	3	—
	420	67	78	92	2	14	13
	460	33	45	62	13	21	35
ICI (*1106)	950	173	187	—	2	5	—
	1000	125	142	167	3	10	16
	1050	80	102	137	8	23	33
	1100	37	70	105	22	45	55
Land Sec (*346)	300	52	62	68	1½	3	6
	330	24	37	45	4	9	12
	360	6	17	24	19	22	25
Marks & Spen (*186)	180	18	22	28	4	7	9
	200	4	12	17	15	18	23
	220	1	5	9½	36	38	40
Shell Trans (*946)	850	112	130	147	2	18	25
	900	70	90	108	9	30	40
	950	32	53	72	26	48	60
Trafalgar House (*277)	260	24	33	40	7	14	18
	280	12	21	28	17	22	27
	300	5	12	19	33	35	40
TSB (*77)	70	9½	12½	15	1	2	3½
	80	3	7	9	5	6	7½
	90	1½	2½	5½	14	14	14½

	Series	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Puts Dec	Puts Mar	Puts Jun
Beecham (*419)	360	62	75	—	1	2	—
	390	32	50	63	2	8	13
	420	8	32	43	8	20	29
	460	1	13	24	45	48	53
Boots (*232)	200	35	43	48	1	3	4
	220	16	28	33	1½	8	11
	240	3½	15½	22	11	14	23
BTR (*275)	280	5	17	24	12	17	22
	300	—	9	15	—	35	47
	307	1	—	—	37	—	—
Bass (*731)	650	88	100	115	2	5	12
	700	45	65	80	5	13	30
	750	12	35	55	35	45	55
Blue Circle (*646)	600	57	82	98	4	11	18
	650	17	50	67	20	33	38
	700	4	—	—	57	—	—
De Beers (*775)	650	135	155	—	2	13	—
	700	90	125	140	3	25	35
	750	47	95	115	10	45	60
	800	17	68	95	40	68	85
Dixons (*334)	300	38	52	64	2½	6	9
	330	10	32	46	7	15	20
	360	1½	18	30	28	32	35
GKN (*278)	240	41	49	54	1	3	6
	260	20	33	39	2	8	14
	280	10	21	27	11	16	22
	300	2	13	—	25	29	—
Glaxo (*926)	900	40	85	110	7	28	35
	950	9	58	85	40	48	58
	1000	2	35	62	78	80	90
	1050	1	23	—	128	128	—
Hanson (*194)	160	36	39	—	½	2	—
	180	16½	23	28½	1½	6½	8
	200	4	11½	18½	9	14	18
	220	¾	4½	9	26½	28½	30½

	Series	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Puts Dec	Puts Mar	Puts Jun
Jaguar (*521)	500	26	55	75	3	25	32
	550	2½	25	42	32	40	50
	600	1	15	—	80	83	—
Thorn EMI (*472)	420	56	70	88	1½	5	8
	460	23	40	62	8	19	25
	500	6	20	40	33	39	45
	550	1	10	—	80	85	—
Tesco (*378)	330	50	—	—	½	—	—
	360	20	37	50	1½	9	15
	390	2½	25	32	18	22	33
	420	1½	12	15	48	48	58

	Series	Calls Feb	Calls May	Calls Aug	Puts Feb	Puts May	Puts Aug
Brit Aero (*504)	420	98	105	—	4	7	—
	460	60	67	83	7	14	18
	500	33	43	57	23	27	33
BAT Inds (*455)	360	107	—	—	1	—	—
	390	77	85	—	2	4	—
	420	50	60	73	5	12	15
	460	23	33	50	18	25	28
Barclays (*475)	460	40	55	65	10	20	28
	500	20	30	37	32	42	47
	550	6	12	—	82	87	—
Brit Telecom (*197)	180	22	29	33	2½	6	10
	200	8½	16	20	13	15	20
	220	3½	9	—	27	29	—
Cadbury Schwpps (*183)	160	31	35	38	3	5	8
	180	15	22	25	9	12	16
	200	5½	12	—	18	22	—
Guinness (294)	300	20	30	35	22	27	29
	330	8½	6	28	43	45	50
	360	3	8	13	68	70	73
Ladbroke (*359)	330	40	50	62	3	9	12
	360	21	32	43	13	20	25
	390	10	18	27	33	38	42
LASMO (*148)	130	28	33	—	4	8	—
	140	21	26	32	9	11	14
	160	10	16	20	19	22	26
Midland Bank (*548)	500	72	87	97	5	14	19
	550	37	47	57	20	32	37
	600	12	18	30	60	65	67
P & O (*524)	460	78	88	103	3	6	10
	500	45	58	73	10	17	22
	550	14	30	38	33	40	45
Racal (*178)	160	23	33	38	7	8	11
	180	12	17	21	18	16	24
	200	4	9	—	24	31	—
RTZ (*670)	600	97	112	—	8	18	—
	650	58	75	90	22	37	48
	700	30	45	62	50	60	67
Vaal Reefs (*83)	70	17	20	23	4	5	6½
	80	8½	13	15½	8	9½	10½
	90	3½	8½	10	13	15	16

	Series	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Puts Mar	Puts Jun	Puts Sep
Lonrho (*229)	200	36	43	—	2	7	—
	220	22	28	34	10½	16	19
	240	9½	16½	21	23	28	31
	260	4½	8½	—	40	42	—

	Series	Calls Feb	Calls May	Calls Aug	Puts Feb	Puts May	Puts Aug
Tr 11¾% 1991 (*£101)	100	31/16	2⅜	45/16	1 3/32	1 9/16	1⅜
	102	1 1/16	1⅜	1⅜	2 1/16	2 9/16	2⅜
	104	9/16	22/32	—	3⅜	3⅜	—
Tr 11¾% 03/07 (*£106)	104	3⅜	4⅝	5⅜	1⅜	30/32	3½
	106	2 5/16	3⅜	4 5/16	31/32	3⅜	4⅜
	108	1½	43/32	3 5/16	4	5	5⅜
	110	29/32	2	—	5 7/16	6 9/16	—
	112	17/32	47/32	—	7	7⅜	—
	114	8/32	1 1/32	—	8⅜	9⅜	—

		Calls Dec	Calls Jan	Calls Feb	Calls Mar	Puts Dec	Puts Jan	Puts Feb	Puts Mar
FT-SE Index (*1631)	1550	87	102	—	—	2	6	—	—
	1575	65	86	—	—	6	14	—	—
	1600	47	68	73	—	12	21	28	—
	1625	32	47	57	70	22	32	38	43
	1650	20	35	43	60	35	43	50	52
	1675	12	21	32	—	50	57	68	—
	1700	5	—	—	—	70	—	—	—

December 2, 1986. Total contracts 30559. Calls 17924. Puts 12635.
FT-SE Index. Calls: 831. Puts: 983.
*Underlying security price.

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1222	TSCO	402/0	402/0	402/0	402/0	402/0	405/0	400/0	703216
1207	THN	458/0	458/0	462/0	460/0	455/0	462/0	455/0	132715
1221	TRAF	286.0	285.0	287/0	279.0	280.0	288.0	277.0	1106608
1217	TRST	165/0	163/0	165/0	164/0	164/0	166/0	163/0	1322196
1220	ULVR	912/0	910/0	920/0	905/0	882/0	930/0	882/0	299485
1209	UBIS	231/0	231/0	232/0	230/0	231/0	232/0	230/0	352338

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APPOINTMENTS

Lubrichem: Mr Colin Robson becomes director and chief executive.

Telford Development Corporation: Mr Frank J Jones becomes deputy chairman.

Chubb Lock Company: Mr Graham Davis becomes director. Mr Tony Pearson becomes financial director and Mr Steve Wood works director.

East London Telecommunications: Mr Peter Maddock becomes finance director.

Plessey Company: Mr David Simon has been made a non-executive director. Mr Derek Mayes and Mr David Dey have become executive directors.

Coutts & Co: Mr Roger Flemington has joined the board.

Confederation of British Industry's Employment Policy Committee: Mr Geoffrey Armstrong becomes chairman, succeeding Sir Alex Jarratt.

United Transport Distribution: Mr Michael Reid has been named managing director.

Chancery Securities: Mr Stephen Mond and Mr Craig Reader have become corporate finance executives.

KCL Research Enterprises: Mr KW Groves has been appointed director.

Thorn EMI Protech: Mr Peter Stansfield has been made personnel director.

British National Life: Mr Paul Gibbs becomes marketing director.

TWIL Group: Mr Dilwyn Scrivens has been made managing director, Tinsley Wire (Sheffield), with Dr Eddie Veys as managing director, Rylands-Whitecross, and Mr Alex Lawther as managing director, Spring Division.

York Trust: Mr Robert Wilson becomes executive director, corporate finance.

Firstland Oil & Gas: Mr TC Gibson has joined the board.

ERA: Mr Lindsay Bury becomes a non-executive director, with Dr John Weaving as engineering director, Mr John Taylor as director and general manager, Mr Peter Yarrow as financial director and Mr David Sankey as chairman.

Courage: Mr John Elliott joins the board as chairman, with Mr Peter Bartels and Mr Andrew Cummins as deputy chairmen, Mr Ken Biggins as director and Mr Peter Jonson as finance director-designate.

Dale Electric International: Mr Howard Hunter is appointed managing director, Erskine Systems, succeeding Mr Roy Morris. Mr John Armistead becomes a director, Dale Electric of Great Britain.

Euro-Latinamerican Bank: Mr Federico Slinger has become chairman with Mr Louise de Bièvre as vice-chairman.

BET: Mr John Griffiths has been made deputy finance director.

The Rivers Group: Mrs Maralyn Fichte has been appointed managing director, British Continental Office, Brussels.

ML Holdings Group: Mr MR Mobbs has been named director, business development, from January 1. Mr Peter Pollock becomes chairman, ML Aviation, with Mr James Luck as managing director.

GT Management wins top rating in Laing review

By Lawrence Lever

Alexanders Laing and Cruickshank, the stockbroking arm of Mercantile House, expresses a mixture of caution and optimism for the financial services sector in its latest quarterly review.

It is written by Mr Philip Gibbs – recently voted the leading financial services analyst in the Extel analysts' survey – and states that it is "cautious of the finance houses and bullish of the fund managers and the leasing companies."

The review highlights GT Management as the "main buy" recommendation in the fund management sector. The company recently announced a 170 per cent increase in half-year pretax profits and Mr Gibbs says that "funds under management have now increased so significantly and margins moved so much in the group's favour that we feel the shares are materially undervalued."

Other "buy" recommendations in the fund management sector are Templeton Galbraith, Edinburgh Fund Managers, Framlington Group and Henderson Administration.

The review is not, however, encouraging about M & G, the investment management group. On the recent public offer of most of Kleinwort Benson's stake in M & G, it says: "we are not convinced that the current high rating can be held once the marketability of the shares expands."

Aitken Hume is the only constituent of the fund management sector to merit a firm "sell" recommendation, as a bid now seems unlikely.

In the leasing sector the review highlights the fact that the independent leasing companies should benefit from the withdrawal of the large financial institutions from the market after the loss of 100 per cent first year capital allowances.

Comcap and Nevi Baltic get "buy" recommendations – Comcap for its good geographical spread of business, conservative accounting policies and strong management, and Nevi Baltic as it trades at almost no premium to its net assets.

The review is cautious about the money broking sector. Big Bang has created intense competition among the inter-dealer broking arms established by the money brokers in the gilts market, while there are concerns about lower margins for inter-dealer brokers in the US government securities market.

Harmony Leisure in £3m USM float

By Cliff Feltham

Stanley Lever used £20,000 of savings to launch his own company when he stopped running the Café Royal and Hennekey Inns for the Trusthouse Forte group.

Yesterday, he launched his Harmony Leisure Group, a chain of 20 upmarket public houses in central London and the Home Counties, on the unlisted securities market with a pricetag of £3 million.

Since 1982, turnover has gone up from £2.3 million to £3.8 million with pretax profits rising from £38,000 in 1984 to £65,000 last year. Profits for this year are expected to be not less than £250,000.

About 16 per cent of the company's shares are being placed through the broker Le Mare, Martin at 23p each.

Mr Lever said he plans to use the £500,000 raised by the issue to buy more outlets, at the rate of two or three a year.

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Bank of America aims for growth in China

From Stephen Leather, Hong Kong

The troubled Bank of America plans to expand into China despite a large rationalization of its worldwide operations in the wake of mounting losses.

These amounted to US$577 million (£403 million) in the first half of this year and the Bank has announced that it is selling off its headquarters building in San Francisco.

The bank plans to shed a total of 5,000 jobs from its 75,000 workforce.

In Hong Kong almost one in five of 1,180 jobs have gone, along with 100 in Singapore, 61 in Bangkok and 36 in Kuala Lumpur.

But the Bank is determined to grow in China. Mr Stephen Hunt, vice-president and Hong Kong area general manager, has been to China to reassure its leading bankers.

"In order to better serve the China market, we plan to increase the staff force of our China office in Hong Kong," Mr Hunt said.

Indonesia opens up gold exploration

From Our Correspondent, Jakarta

Twelve foreign companies, most of them Australian, signed 34 gold mining and exploration contracts with the Indonesian government.

Dr Subroto, the oilminister, said he hoped the deal would turn Indonesia into a major world gold exporter within 10 years.

This is thelargest number of gold mining contracts signed in the country and cover 30 years. The companies have to sign over 50 percent ownership to Indonesian nationals

Dr Subroto said he estimated that the mines could produce up to 140 tons of gold a year by 1996. Several companies were equally optimistic.

Most said that the richest untapped area was the island of Kalimantan in Borneo.

At present Indonesia produces only three tons of gold annually with much of the production coming as a by-product from copper mining.

COMPANY NEWS

● **CH INDUSTRIALS:** Interim dividend 0.575p (0.5p). Figures in £000. Turnover 25,141 (14,026) for six months to September 27. Operating profit 1,918 (1,234), pretax profit 1,350 (653), profit attributable 890 (204), eps net 2.90p (2.38p), fully diluted 2.9p (2.35p).

● **ATKINS BROTHERS (HOSIERY):** Six months to September 30 (figures in £000). Interim dividend 2.2p (1.7p). Group turnover 10,243 (8,324), pretax profit 458 (215), profit attributable 287 (114), eps 7.51p (2.89p).

● **JOHN MICHAEL DESIGN:** Six months ended September 30 (figures in £000). Interim dividend 0.5p (0.4p). Turnover 1,245 (547), gross profit 660 (349), profit before tax 253 (190), eps 1.99p (1.75p).

● **DBE TECHNOLOGY GROUP:** Figures in £000, 28 weeks to October 12 (28 weeks to October 4). Pretax profit 209 (28 loss) on work done worth 3,016 (1,571), profit attributable 136 (17 loss), eps 1.5p (0.2p loss).

● **GREAT WESTERN RESOURCES:** A final dividend of 1.43p (1.43p) has been declared, making 2.86p (2.86p) for the year to September 30. With figures in $000, results include turnover at 16,071 (6,211), pretax profit 2,032 (1,596) and a tax credit of 18 (562 debit). Earnings per common share were $0.06 ($0.05). Pretax profit includes an extraordinary gain of $250,000, arising upon early repayment of certain debts. The company was affected by volatility of oil and gas prices and substantial curtailments and shut-ins of gas imposed by purchasers. Nevertheless, second-half results were better than expected and the company remains in a strong financial position, with no debt and substantial cash balances of $13 million.

● **TUNSTALL GROUP:** Final dividend 1.68p making 2.48p for year to September 30. Figures in £000, turnover 25,100 (21,064), pretax profit 4,587 (4,069), profit attributable 2,602 (2,244), eps 16.3p (14.4p).

● **TR NATURAL RESOURCES INVESTMENT TRUST:** For the six months ended September 30 an interim dividend of 1.75p (1.75p adj) has been declared, payable January 2. With figures in £000, franked investment income was 856 (913), unfranked investment income 1,509 (1,605) and interest from short-term deposits 393 (160). Revenue before tax 2,442 (2,226), corporation tax: 558 (525) and imputed tax on franked income 248 (274). Earnings per share were 2.72p (2.37p adjusted for one for one capitalization). Net asset value in pence per share: 151.5 (139.2 adjusted).

● **CHAMBERLIN & HILL:** For the six months ended September 30 an interim dividend of 1.4p (same) has been declared. Warrants will be posted on December 16. With figures in £000, turnover was 5,375 (5,161), group trading profit 247 (245), interest payable 55 (43), group profits before tax 192 (202). Earnings per share were 3.53p (3.42p). The company said a great deal of progress had been made in restructuring the group to meet market needs, but there was no sign yet of an improvement in business which would quickly lead to an increase in earnings. Higher trading profits were offset by higher interest charges, due to the costs of the Bloxwich foundry development, and the acquisition of Fitter and Poulton at the end of August. The shares were down 2p at 106p.

● **JARVIS PORTER GROUP:** An interim dividend of 1.3p will be payable (single dividend of 2p the previous year). With figures in £000, results for the six months to August 31 include: turnover 11,177 (10,463), profit on ordinary activities 1,012 (1,200), an exceptional item (Mono-Web development expenditure of 57), pretax profit 955 (1,280), tax 283 (495), extraordinary credit 481 (nil). Earnings per share were 4.1p (4.3p). The extraordinary item consists of interest earned on application monies in the company's offer for sale, amounting to £348,966 net of attributable tax, and £132,079 profit arising from the sale of the group's leasing subsidiary.

● **MONKS & CRANE:** Results for the six months to September 30: interim dividend of 1.1p (nil), payable February 5. With figures in £000, turnover amounted to 13,738 (£11,480), gross profit 2,814 (2,356) distribution costs 472 (382). Administrative expenses were 1,477 (1,222), interest payable less receivable 26 (46), share of loss of associated companies 27 (nil). Pretax profit was 812 (706) and tax 260 (265). Earnings per share were 4.2p (3.5p). The company said prospects were favourable for the second half which traditionally brings higher sales. Branch growth and new acquisitions, would give a wider distribution, based on new product and business areas.

● **LONDON INVESTMENT TRUST:** Results for the six months ended Septemebr 30 include an interim dividend of 0.54p (0.469p). With figures in £000, turnover was 20,732 (16,297), pretax profit 2,410 (2,007) and tax 910 (793). Earnings per share were 1.65p (1.35p).

● **COUNTRY & NEW TOWN PROPERTIES:** The half-year results include an interim dividend of 0.7p (0.6p), payable on January 30. With figures in £000, gross rental income was 5,921 (5,668), surplus on disposal of properties 453 (4,670), profit before tax 1,264 (4,934), tax 416 (1,923) and minorities 272 (2,169). Earnings per share were 1.27p (1.86p). Results for the full year should show earnings comparable with those reported for the year to January 31, 1986, the company said.

● **EVANS OF LEEDS:** Six months to September 30. Interim dividend 1.625p (1.5p), total revenue £4,638,312 (£3,862,963), net revenue after interest and other charges £2,510,181 (£2,264,441), tax 878,463 (£905,776), profit attributable £1,631,618 (£1,358,665), eps 4.97p (4.14p).

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BALAIR

Our programme

Day 1 / London – Zürich Airport
Flight from London to Zurich/Kloten in the morning. Transfer to your hotel in Zurich. Sightseeing tour in the afternoon, after which the time is at your own disposal. Overnight stay in the hotel.

Day 2 / Zurich – Hamburg – Puttgarden
In the course of the morning, occupation of your sleeping-car compartments. After our Hotel-on-Rails has left the main station, lunch will be served during the journey across Germany. Our train will reach the ferry in Puttgarden at night. Here, the whole train will be loaded into the ferry-on rails. Our journey continues northwards when we reach Denmark. After the dinner the night will be spent on board in the sleeping-cars.

Day 3 / In Copenhagen
After breakfast, which will be served in the Panorama-Cars, our train will draw into Copenhagen central station. During an optional sightseeing tour, you will have the chance to get to know the metropol of Denmark (cost roughly £ 15.–). The free time following this tour will give you the opportunity to explore the city and the famous Tivoli. In the meantime, our Hotel-on-Rails will have travelled by boat across to Helsingborg. Towards the evening, we will also cross with the ferry to Sweden in coaches, where our Hotel-on-Rails will be waiting for us. Evening meal will be served while our journey continues.

Day 4 / In Oslo
Travelling via Göteborg, we will reach the frontier station Charlottenberg in the course of the morning. Our Hotel-on-Rails will stop here for the day, and you will have the possibility to go on an optional coach-trip to Oslo (cost roughly £ 19.– incl. sightseeing tour). As we journey onwards in the evening, a meal will be served on board our train.

Day 5 / In Stockholm
Arrival in Stockholm after breakfast on board. Here, we kindly ask you to transfer to coaches with handluggage, as we will spend the night in a hotel in Stockholm as an exception. After an optional sight-seeing tour, which consists of two parts (cost roughly £ 19.–) you will once again have leasure time to spend as you wish. By way of exception, evening meal is not included in the arrangement, as you have free choice of restaurant and menu.

Day 6 / Stockholm – Uppsala
After enjoying your breakfast in the hotel, the morning is free for you to do as you please. In the afternoon, the second part of the sightseeing tour takes place with boats through the «Venice of the North». Following this experience, we board our train once again, and travel to Uppsala. Evening meal will be served between Stockholm and Uppsala (1st part). After an optional sightseeing tour in Uppsala (cost roughly £ 13.–) we will enjoy coffee and dessert while travelling further north.

Day 7 / Kramfors – High Coast
Our Hotel-on-Rails will arrive in Kramfors after breakfast. An optional whole-day trip will show you the beauties of the wonderful scenery of the east coast of middle Sweden. During a boat trip, we will also be able to admire the views from the sea (cost roughly £ 32.– incl. lunch). In the evening, once again on board our train, we continue our journey towards the light nights of the North. Evening meal will be served on board.

Reindeer

Day 8 / Vindeln – trip on the rapids or visit to the Wildlife Park
Straight after breakfast on board, arrival in Vindeln, in South Lapland. Here, two possibilities are offered to you:
– a trip on the rapids (roughly £ 62.– incl. lunch), or
– a trip to Lycksele to the Wildlife Park followed by a visit to the biggest hydro-electric power station of the North: Stornorrfors, near Umeaa (roughly £ 32.– incl. lunch).
In the evening, once again on board, a meal will be served, and we travel onwards towards the Arctic Circle.

Day 9 / Arctic Circle – Gaellivare
During the course of this night, we will reach the Arctic Circle. Here we will halt, and a Lapp will perform the «Arctic Circle Christening». From here on, the fauna and flora begins to alter immensely. Arrival at the station in Gaellivare after breakfast. During the optional trip we offer on this day, you will be able to get to know the people of Lapland. We will visit a village with original Laphouses, an oremine in which we will be able to see the machines in action – in short – an extremely interesting trip (cost roughly £ 39.– incl. lunch). In the evening, we will once again board our train where our meal will be served.

Train with Laplanndy

Day 10 / Narvik – Lofoten Islands
While having breakfast, we will be passing the most beautiful stretch of the ore railway: the Ofoten Railway with Lake Tometraesk to start with. The breathtaking views of the Fjords that appear after the short tunnels just have to be seen to be believed. In the afternoon, we reach Narvik, where you will have the chance to take part on a trip with coach and boat to the Lofoten Islands. This trip ends in Evenes, our departure point, from where we will fly back to Switzerland (roughly £ 39.– evening meal on board ship is included in the price). Your luggage will be transfered directly to the airport.

Day 11 / Evenes – Zurich/Kloten – London
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Lofoten Islands

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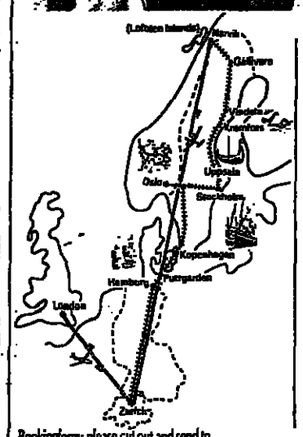

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Equity Income 57.7 61.3● -0.2 5.60
Europe 138.4 147.2● +1.0 1.00
Growth & Inc 83.3 87.8 .. 3.00
Japan Special 107.7 115.1 +0.7 0.00
Japan Sunrise 93.7 100.2 +0.6 0.00
First Europe 121.9 129.6 +0.7 0.60
First Japan 91.0 97.3 +0.6 1.10
First N Amer 52.0 55.6 +0.1 1.10
First Smaller Co's 66.6 70.5● .. 2.70

BARRINGTON MANAGEMENT
10, Fenchurch St, London EC3
01-623 6000
Amer Smlr Co Inc 64.4 67.9 +0.2 1.43
Do Accum 65.8 69.4 +0.2 1.43
European Inc 104.1 109.6 +0.4 1.35
Do Accum 128.1 135.1 +0.5 1.35
Fund of Inv Tr Inc 21.8 23.0 +0.2 2.96
Do Accum 28.0 29.5 +0.2 2.39
General Inc 165.4 174.5 +0.7 2.97
Do Accum 225.3 237.7 +1.0 2.97
Gilt Yield Inc 103.3 108.4c -0.8 10.22
Do Accum 170.1 179.2 -1.3 10.22
High Yield Inc 93.0 98.1 +0.3 5.25
Do Accum 187.2 197.5 +0.7 5.25
Int Rec Inc 105.2 111.0● +0.2 1.99
Do Accum 112.2 117.3● +0.7 1.99
Japan Inc 240.7 253.9 +4.3 0.26
Do Accum 244.2 255.7 +4.3 0.26
Japanese Spec Inc 108.0 113.9 +1.2 0.37
Do Accum 108.4 114.4 +1.3 0.37
N American Inc 50.7 53.6c +0.2 0.73
Do Accum 58.9 62.1 +0.2 0.73
Pacific Inc 137.7 145.3 +1.8 0.59
Do Accum 155.3 163.8 +2.1 0.59
Planned Investment 133.0 140.9 -0.2 3.97
Smaller Co's Inc 83.1 87.7● +0.1 1.42
Do Accum 99.2 104.7 +0.3 1.42
UK Equity Gth Inc 27.5 29.0 .. 1.06
Do Accum 45.3 47.8 -0.1 1.06
Worldwide Tech Inc 39.3 41.5 .. 1.58
Do Accum 39.6 41.8 .. 1.58
KB Smaller Co's Inc 159.0 167.7 .. 2.18
Do Accum 207.8 219.0 .. 2.18
KB High Yield Inc 129.2 136.3● +3.6 4.96
Do Accum 218.0 230.0 +6.9 4.96

BROWN SHIPLEY
9-17, Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath
0444 458144
Financial 129.3 137.5 -0.1 2.81
Smaller Co's Acc 233.7 250.0 -0.1 ..
Do Income 149.2 159.6 -0.1 0.99
High Income 66.4 71.0 .. 5.76
Income 76.7 82.0● -0.3 4.76
Man Portfolio Inc 63.1 67.1 .. 3.00
Do Acc 106.4 113.2 .. ..
North American 65.7 69.8 -0.6 1.47
Orient 86.1 92.1● +1.2 0.28

BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT
The Stock Exchange London EC2P 2JT
01-588 2868
Fellowship Inc 51.6 54.9 +1.3 3.00
General Inc (4) 219.7 229.5● .. 3.39
Do Accum (4) 353.9 369.7 .. 3.39
Income Fund (4) 102.4 107.3● .. 5.05
Do Accum (4) 182.9 191.7 .. 5.05
Intl Inc (2) 136.9 142.8 .. 1.58
Do Accum (2) 182.2 185.8 .. 1.58
Smaller Inc (6) £12.28 12.92 .. 2.53
Do Accum (6) £13.08 13.76 .. 2.53

CS FUND MANAGERS
125, High Holborn, London WC1V 6PY
01-242 1148
CS Japan Fund 94.3 99.7 +1.0 0.56

CANNON FUND MANAGERS
1, Olympic Way, Wembley, HA9 0NB
01-902 8876
Growth 290.8 307.5 +1.2 2.94
Income 337.5 357.1 +1.3 3.76
Far East 235.0 249.7 +3.2 0.25
North American 153.1 162.0 -0.3 0.58
Global 52.8 55.9 +0.4 0.81
European 58.2 61.6 +0.5 1.22
Japan 59.2 62.6 +0.6 0.50

CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT
PO Box 551 Bevis Marks London EC3 7JQ
01-621 0011
Capital 369.4 393.0 +1.2 1.80
Income 282.6 300.7 -0.5 4.92
North American 296.5 315.5 +0.2 0.91

CATER ALLEN
1, King William St. EC4N 7AU
01-623 6314
Gilt Trust 86.7 92.9● -2.5 12.86

CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ
01-588 1815
Inv Fund 413.45 .. 4.40
Fixed Int 133.25 .. 10.73
Deposit 100.0 .. 10.20

CHASE MANHATTAN FUND MANAGERS
72/73 Basinghall Street, London EC2V 5DP
01-606 6682
S & C Special Sits 58.5 58.5 .. 0.84

CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ
01-588 1815
Income 391.69 .. 4.99
Accum £11.0593 .. ..
Deposit 100.0 .. 10.60

CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH
0800 373393
Amer Growth 24.5 26.0 .. 1.90
Equity High Income 43.2 45.8● -0.6 4.50
European Growth 32.3 34.2● +0.4 2.00
General Equity 38.7 41.0 -0.2 2.60
Gilt & Fixed Int Gth 26.8 28.3 -0.3 3.60
Gilt & Fixed Inc 22.4 23.8● -0.2 9.50
Index Securities 24.5 25.8 .. 2.40
Intl Inc Tst 23.9 25.3 .. 5.00
Japan Growth 34.4 36.5 +0.6 0.90
Pedigree Gth 24.3 25.8 -0.1 2.50

COUNTY UT MANAGERS LTD
161, Cheapside, London EC2V 6EU
01-726 1999
Energy Trust 48.0 51.8 +0.1 4.05
Extra Income 167.0 176.5● -0.3 5.29
Financial 169.9 179.8 +0.1 2.31
Gilt Strategy 56.2 58.0● .. 1.98
Growth Investment 283.7 300.3 -1.5 2.56
Income & Growth 41.8 44.2● .. 4.60
Japanese Growth 191.7 202.9 +2.0 0.61
Nth Amer Growth 106.9 113.2● +0.6 1.44
Intl Recovery 118.2 122.9 +1.5 2.15
Smaller Co's 222.5 235.5 +0.1 1.61
Global Inc Tst 61.5 65.1e -0.1 5.47
Special Sits Acc 287.9 304.7 -1.2 1.49

CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES
Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW
04862 5033
High Income Trust 250.2 266.2 -0.9 4.91
Growth Trust 224.6 238.9 -0.7 3.01
American Trust 129.3 137.6 -0.1 0.73

CRUSADER UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Reigate, Surrey RH2 8BL
07372 42424
UK Income 47.8 51.1 -0.2 4.72
UK Growth Accum 48.9 52.2 -0.2 2.41
Do Dist 48.8 52.2 -0.2 2.41
European Growth 60.5 64.2 +1.0 1.86
Pacific Growth 55.3 59.1 +1.2 0.61

EFM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
4, Melville Crescent, Edinburgh
031-226 3492
American Fund 72.2 76.8● .. 1.30
Capital Fund 101.3 107.6 +0.2 1.58
Growth & Inc Fund 130.5 139.0 .. 4.80
High Dist Fund 109.8 116.9● .. 5.77
International Fund 212.8 228.6 +1.9 0.99
Resources Fund 25.0 26.6 .. 0.36
Smlr Jap Co's Fnd 34.7 36.9 +0.3 ..
Tokyo Fund 166.7 177.5 +1.6 0.00
(Ex) Amer (2) 147.8 151.9 .. 3.61
(Ex) Japan (3) 106.0 110.8● .. 0.19
(Ex) Pacific (4) 320.7 328.6 .. 0.30
(Ex) Smaller Jap (4) 200.3 205.8 .. 0.10
Eurofund 29.8 31.7● +0.4 3.15

EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ
0242 521311
UK Balanced Inc 70.1 74.4● -1.0 3.18
Do Accum 71.9 76.3● -0.3 3.10
UK Growth Accum 89.8 95.1 -0.3 2.16
UK High Inc Inc 67.9 72.0● -0.3 4.85
N American Accum 68.9 73.5 -0.2 0.73
Far Eastern Accum 109.5 116.8 +1.1 0.67
European Accum 93.2 98.4 +1.1 1.16
UK Gilt & FI Inc 49.2 52.2● -2.1 9.39
Do Accum 52.3 55.5● -0.5 8.63

ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD
Admin Centre, Hexagon House, 28, Western Road, Romford RM1 3LB
0708-66966
Endurance 110.9 118.0 .. 3.04

EQUITABLE UNITS ADMINISTRATION
35, Fountain St. Manchester
061-236 5685
Equitable Pelican 75.2 80.2 -0.4 3.47
High Income Trust 75.4 80.3● -0.3 5.63
Gilt & Fixed Int 48.4 51.6 -0.3 9.22
Tst Of Inv Trusts 70.5 75.1 +0.5 1.98
Special Sits Trust 75.5 80.4 -0.1 2.33
Nth Amer Trust 60.4 64.3 +0.2 1.85
Far Eastern Trust 96.0 102.2 +0.2 0.45
Intl Growth 55.9 59.5 +0.7 1.08

EQUITY & LAW
St. George Hse Corporation St. Coventry CV1 1QD
0203 553231
UK Growth Accum 149.2 158.7● -0.7 3.30
Do Income 127.9 136.0● -0.6 3.30
Higher Inc Accum 250.0 265.9● -0.7 4.53
Do Income 197.5 210.1● -0.6 4.53
Gilts/Fixed Accum 92.5 97.3 -1.0 9.35
Do Income 76.5 80.6 -0.8 9.35
Nth Amer Tst Accum 137.5 146.2 +0.1 0.00
Far East Tst Accum 171.8 182.5● +1.9 0.12
Euro Tst Accum 177.6 189.1 +0.7 0.82
General Trust 238.2 253.3 -1.1 3.36

F & C UNIT MANAGEMENT
1, Laurence Pountney Hill, London EC4R 0BA
01-623 4680
US Smaller Co's 71.9 76.5 +0.4 0.23
Capital Fund 112.2 119.4 -0.2 0.26
UK Income Fund 75.9 80.6 .. 4.88
Far Eastern Fund 75.7 80.6 +0.9 0.00
Overseas Income 75.4 80.3● +0.1 3.38
Fixed Interest 53.8 57.3● -0.2 9.00
Natural Res Fund 49.5 52.7 +1.1 3.24
European Income 87.9 93.6 +0.8 2.71
Financials Fund 48.5 51.7 +0.3 2.90

FS INVESTMENT MANAGERS
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041-332 3132
Balanced Gth Inc 44.2 47.0 +0.5 1.40
Do Accum 45.1 48.0 +0.5 ..
Income Gth Inc 40.4 43.0● -0.5 5.00
Do Accum 43.3 46.1● +0.4 ..
Service Co's Inc 51.6 54.9● +0.3 1.00
Do Accum 52.4 55.7● +0.2 ..

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD
River Walk, Tonbridge, TN9 1DY
0732 361144
American 107.4 114.9● +0.2 0.78
Amer Equity Income 35.4 37.9 .. 4.36
Amer Special Sits 55.5 59.1 +0.5 0.67
Australia 32.3 34.2 -0.2 1.41
European 45.6 48.3 +0.3 0.00
Far East Inc 36.0 38.2● +0.2 4.01
Gilt & Fixed Int 28.5 29.7 +0.1 9.85
Growth & Income 96.8 103.4c +0.6 4.61
Japan Special Sits 40.3 42.9 +0.7 ..
Japan 142.2 152.1 +1.8 ..
Managed Intl 142.8 152.6 +0.8 0.01
Max Income Equity 81.8 88.0c +0.4 5.11
Professional Gilt 33.0 35.3 +0.1 2.34
South East Asia 42.0 44.7 +0.5 0.25
Special Sits 171.1 184.0 +0.9 0.59

FLEMING (ROBERT)
8, Crosby Sq, London EC3A 6AN
01-638 5858
American Exempt £370.0 378.3 -1.79 1.39
Japan Exempt £455.1 465.3 +17.41 0.73
Am Property Tst $10000.0 .. 5.00
Property Trust £2023.0 ● .. 5.80

FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT
3, London Wall Bldgs, London Wall, London EC2M 5NQ
01-628 5181
Amer & Gen Inc 217.8 230.2 +0.5 ..
Do Accum 222.5 235.4 +0.6 ..
Amer Turnarnd Inc 205.8 217.6 +0.6 1.28
Do Accum 213.2 225.5 +0.5 1.25
Capital Tst Inc 202.0 213.6 -3.3 2.36
Do Accum 246.0 260.2 -4.1 2.36
Conv & Gilt Inc 87.8 92.8 .. 5.32
Do Accum 117.0 123.6 +0.2 5.32
Extra Inc Tst Inc 167.4 177.0 -0.6 4.61
Do Accum 181.6 192.0 -0.4 4.61
Income Trust 119.5 126.4● -0.2 4.14
Do Accum 128.2 135.4● -0.1 4.14
Int Growth Fd Inc 163.6 173.0● -0.6 ..
Do Accum 161.6 182.2● -2.7 ..
Japan & Gen Inc 94.0 99.4 +0.8 0.07
Do Accum 95.0 100.4 +0.8 0.07
Monthly Income Fd 83.6 88.4● .. 4.96
Recovery 147.8 156.4 -0.2 1.46
Do Accum 161.0 170.2 .. 1.46
European Inc 68.0 71.8 -0.2 0.8
Do Accum 68.0 71.8 -0.2 0.8
Financial Inc 48.2 50.8 +0.4 1.0
Do Accum 48.2 50.8 +0.4 1.0

FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS
Pixham End, Dorking, Surrey
0306 885055
FP Equity Dist 196.8 208.9● -0.7 2.81
Do Accum 331.3 351.7● -1.3 2.81
FP Fixed Int Dist 102.2 108.7● -0.5 6.61
Do Accum 120.7 128.4● -0.7 6.61
Stewardship Dist 170.9 181.4● -0.9 1.73
Do Accum 178.0 188.9● -0.9 1.73

FUNDS IN COURT
Public Trustee Kingsway WC2
01-405 4300
Capital 359.7 376.1 .. 2.76
Gross Inc 152.7 157.5 .. 7.37
High Yield 225.4 229.3 .. 5.85

GT UNIT MANAGERS
8th Floor, 8, Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ
01-283 2575 Dealing 01-626 9431
Amer Special Sits 63.4 67.5 .. 1.10
UK Cap Fnd Inc 102.1 108.7 -0.6 2.70
Do Accum 148.7 158.1 -1.0 2.70
Income Fund 78.1 83.1 -0.2 6.00
Pension Exempt 184.6 192.6 +0.2 1.70
International 176.8 188.1 +1.8 0.90
US & General 55.7 59.3● +0.1 0.80
Tech & Growth 63.4 67.5 .. 1.10
Japan & General 248.9 262.7 +2.4 0.10
Far East & Gen 123.3 131.2● +2.0 0.40
European Fund 284.7 302.9 +2.7 0.30
Germany Fund 78.7 84.6● +0.6 0.60
Intl Inc Fd 51.0 54.3● +0.1 4.80

GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS
2, St Mary Axe, London EC3A 8BP
01-623 1212 Dealing 01-623 5766 Dealing 01-623 5806
American Trust 86.6 91.9 .. 0.55
Australian Trust 24.8 26.3 +0.1 0.21
British Tst Accum 61.6 65.7 -0.9 1.80
Do Dist 53.6 56.9 -0.6 1.80
Commodity Share 73.6 78.1● +0.1 1.43
European Trust 58.0 61.8 +0.5 0.60
Extra Income Trust 49.1 52.2● -0.7 5.06
Far Eastern Trust 149.4 158.8 +2.7 0.00
Fixed Interest Fund 25.2 26.6 .. 10.68
Intl Fixed Int Tst 24.8 26.5 -0.1 8.61
Global Fund Accum 187.3 199.3● +2.0 0.30
Do Dist 178.1 189.2● +1.9 0.30
Gold Share Trust 16.2 17.2● +0.6 1.50
Hedged American 31.5 33.4● -1.0 0.90
High Income Trust 144.5 153.6 -0.7 5.56
Hong Kong Trust 37.4 39.7 +0.4 1.20
Income Fund 79.6 83.7 -0.2 3.60
Insurance Agencies £49.76 52.06 -0.14 2.00
Japan Trust 136.0 145.3 +2.2 0.00
Managed Exempt 258.4 270.3 -1.0 2.21
Oil & Energy Trust 35.0 37.2 .. 2.50
Special Sits Trust 100.2 106.4 +0.4 0.91
UK Smlr Co's Rec Tst 76.8 81.5 +0.2 0.74

GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT
Winchester Hse, 77, London Wall, London EC2N 1DA
01-588 5620
Intl Growth 86.1 91.5● +0.5 1.15
American Growth 65.8 69.9 +0.3 0.69
American Inc 72.9 77.5 +0.2 4.45
European Growth 247.8 263.6● +2.6 0.42
Gold & Minerals 46.9 50.1 +1.4 0.70
Japan Growth 158.7 168.7 +2.4 ..

GRE UNIT MANAGERS
Royal Exchange, EC3P 3DN
01-588 9903
Gilt & Fixed Int 109.9 114.2 +0.1 9.82
Growth Equity 197.6 209.2● -0.8 2.06
Guardhill 272.1 281.9 -2.0 2.68
N American 146.2 154.8 +0.3 1.36
Pacific 258.1 273.2 +1.5 0.09
Property Share 277.2 293.4 -0.6 1.36
Smaller Companies 218.0 230.7 +0.4 1.85
European Trust 278.9 295.2c +1.4 0.86

GUINNESS MAHON UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
PO Box 442, 32 St Mary-at-Hill, London EC3P 3AJ
01-623 9333
High Income 50.5 54.2 -0.2 5.54
N Amer Trust 112.8 120.1 .. 0.78
Recovery 229.4 244.1 -0.3 2.07
Gilt Trust 35.5 36.9● -0.3 9.83
St Vincent Inc 86.6 88.3 -0.4 5.33
St Vincent US Gth 74.8 78.0 .. 0.74
Temple Bar Sm Co's 187.1 197.4 +7.07 3.42
Euro Gth Tst 48.6 51.5 +0.4 0.60

HAMBROS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Admin: 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex.
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Hambros N Amer 66.2 70.2● -0.3 0.93
Hambros Jap & F E 124.3 131.9● +1.3 0.45
Hambros Scandvn 84.5 89.8 +0.1 0.86
Hambros European 110.1 116.8 +1.3 0.70
Hambros Canadian 49.4 52.4● +0.6 1.24
Hambros Equity Inc 84.9 90.1● -0.2 4.62
Hambros High Inc 59.5 63.2 .. 5.54
Hambros Res Assts 62.9 66.7 +0.3 1.90
Hambros Ind Sits 55.7 59.1 +0.6 0.86

HENDERSON
Premier UT Administration Admin 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex.
Enquiries 0277 227300 Dealing 0277 217238
Amer Recovery Tst 111.1 118.3● .. 0.83
Amer Smaller Co's 50.8 54.3 .. 0.01
Australian 81.0 86.3 .. 1.23
Capital Growth Inc 58.8 60.6 .. 1.54
Do Accum 66.0 70.3 .. 1.32
European 283.9 302.0● .. 0.59
Euro Inc Tst 48.9 51.5 .. 4.44
Euro Smaller Co's 105.6 112.3● .. 0.09
Extra Income 172.7 183.8c .. 4.33
Financial Trust 156.8 166.6● .. 2.57
Fixed Interest Tst 52.1 55.2c .. 10.17
Gilt Trust 40.1 42.5● .. 9.67
Global Healthcare 73.2 78.0 .. 0.01
Global Resources 80.0 85.2 .. 3.38
Global Tech 113.5 120.9 .. 0.01
Gold 57.4 61.4 .. 2.52
High Income Tst 184.2 196.2● .. 4.68
Hong Kong 67.2 71.5 .. 0.89
Income & Growth Inc 148.6 158.0● .. 3.61
Do Accum 290.6 309.1● .. 3.61
Income Assets 110.5 117.3 .. 3.89
International 188.3 199.2 .. 0.55
Japan Special Sits 180.6 192.1 -0.5 0.01
Japan Tst 172.7 183.7 .. 0.01
North American 145.2 155.3 .. 0.62
Pacific Smaller Co's 79.9 85.0 .. 0.81
Pref & Gilt 48.4 49.4c .. 9.91
Recovery Tst 100.9 107.5 .. 2.46
Singapore & Malay 33.8 36.0 .. 2.53
Smaller Co's Div 115.8 123.3● .. 4.73
Special Sits Inc 133.2 141.9 .. 1.29
Do Accum 188.6 200.9 .. 1.29
Worldwide 373.0 392.6 .. 2.88
Euro Exempt 136.9 144.1 +1.3 1.64
Global Tech Exempt 92.8 97.9● +0.6 0.83
High Income Exempt 122.2 128.6● -0.3 4.84
Japan Exempt 171.1 180.1 +2.5 0.82
N Amer Exempt 87.6 92.2● -0.5 1.34
Pacific Exempt 201.7 212.3● +3.9 1.29
Smaller Co's Exempt 118.2 124.4● +0.5 2.11

HILL SAMUEL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon
01-686 4355 01-628 8011
British Trust Units 538.4 569.8● -2.2 3.15
Capital Trust Units 105.5 111.7 .. 2.82
Dollar Trust Units 194.0 205.3● -0.2 2.35
European Trust 152.8 161.6 +1.5 0.90
Far East Trust 138.1 146.2 -0.7 0.57
Financial Trust 371.4 393.1 .. 2.78
Gilt Fixed Int Inc 26.1 27.2● .. 10.55
Do Growth 40.0 42.5 .. 8.00
High Yield Trust 65.2 69.1● -0.1 5.10
Income Trust 82.6 87.5● -0.1 4.70
International 139.8 148.0 +0.9 1.75
Japan Tech Tst 39.3 41.8 -0.4 0.06
Natural Resources 37.6 39.8 -0.4 1.89
Security Trust 189.1 199.1 -0.3 3.29
Smaller Cos 88.8 94.0 .. 1.82
Special Sits 98.4 104.2 -1.5 2.39
US Smaller Cos 24.0 25.5 +0.1 0.96

IBI FUND MANAGERS
32, Queen Annes Gate, London SW1H 9AB
01-222 1000
IBI Brit & O'seas 142.9 151.3● +0.6 1.70
IBI Inc Plus 57.0 60.4 .. 9.30
IBI Capital Growth 58.3 61.7 .. 1.90
Investment Tst Fnd 74.8 79.2● +0.1 3.40

KEY FUND MANAGERS
35, Fountain Street, Manchester
(03036) 93384
Equity & Gen 44.4 47.4 -0.2 1.89
Gilt & Fixed Int Fund 62.5 66.5 .. 10.84
Higher Inc 122.1 130.6● +0.6 4.91
Income 50.2 53.6● +0.1 3.58
International 278.3 297.6● +1.2 1.00

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L & C UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT
Piercy House, Copthall Ave, EC2R 7BE
01-588 2800
Income Fund 447.9 457.1 .. 5.31
International & Gen 282.3 287.7 .. 1.00

LEGAL & GENERAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
5, Rayleigh Road, Brentwood Essex
0277 234634
Equity Distribution 268.5 285.6 .. 2.55
Do Accum 424.5 451.5 .. 2.55
Do Income 62.3 66.3 .. 4.92
European 78.2 83.2 .. 1.69
Far Eastern 118.2 125.8 .. 0.73
Gilt Trust 69.8 73.9● .. 7.97
O'seas Equity 80.3 80.7● .. 1.38
Natural Res 71.3 75.9 .. 2.36
N American Trust 82.8 88.1 .. 1.51
UK Special Sits 64.3 68.4 .. 1.73
International Bond 47.4 50.4 .. 6.94
Japanese Tst 49.7 52.9 .. 0.95
Managed Tst 47.8 50.9 .. 2.95

LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Registrars Dpt, Goring-By-Sea, Worthing, W Sussex
0444 459144
Balanced 181.4 192.9● -0.7 3.21
Do Accum 327.5 348.4● -1.0 3.21
Conti Euro Gth Inc 60.0 .. .. ..
Do Accum 60.0 .. .. ..
Energy Intl 54.3 57.7 +0.8 3.01
Do Accum 60.9 64.7 +0.7 3.01
Extra Income 158.6 168.9● -0.6 5.21
Do Accum 291.2 309.7● -1.0 5.21
German Gth Inc 77.9 82.6 +0.9 0.17
Do Accum 78.2 83.1 +0.9 0.17
Income 271.2 288.5 -0.9 4.69
Do Accum 544.9 579.5 -1.8 4.69
Intl Tech 194.4 206.8● +1.3 0.26
Do Accum 203.4 216.3● +1.2 0.26
Japan Growth 82.3 87.5 +1.7 0.01
Do Accum 82.3 87.7 +1.7 0.01
N Amer & Gen 105.6 112.2 +0.1 1.18
Do Accum 114.0 121.2 +0.2 1.18
Pacific Basin 143.3 152.4 +2.3 0.22
Do Accum 148.6 158.1 +2.4 0.22
Smaller Cos & Rec 194.4 206.8● +0.1 2.02
Do Accum 219.6 233.6● +0.1 2.02
Worldwide Growth 214.2 227.8● +1.8 0.45
Do Accum 301.8 321.0● +2.5 0.45
UK Growth Fund 48.3 51.3● -0.1 2.01

LONDON & MANCHESTER
Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS
0392 52155
General Trust 42.9 45.5● -0.2 3.70
Income Trust 36.5 38.8 -0.1 6.20
International Trust 38.2 40.7 +0.4 0.60
American 33.3 35.4● +0.2 2.00
Japan 47.4 50.3 +0.8 0.00
Trust of Inv 31.2 33.1 +0.1 2.20

M & G SECURITIES
Three Quays, Tower Hill EC3R 6BQ
01-626 4588
Amer & Gen Inc 226.7 241.3 +0.3 1.35
Do Accum 265.6 281.3 +0.3 1.35
Amer Recovery 243.7 257.1● +1.2 0.57
Do Accum 265.6 281.3● +1.4 0.57
Am Smaller Co Acc 58.7 59.8 .. 0.46
Australia Acc 121.9 130.4 +1.2 0.82
Commodity Acc 238.9 254.4 +1.1 3.02
Compound Growth 421.7 451.2 +1.8 3.18
Conversion Growth 335.2 358.7 +1.5 2.81
Do Inc 194.2 205.9 +1.8 5.74
Dividend Fund Inc 412.1 438.8● +1.5 5.13
Do Accum £12.33 13.15● +0.05 5.13
European Acc 286.8 302.6 +1.4 0.98
Extra Yield Inc 232.4 245.2 +1.0 5.59
Do Accum 510.0 538.0 +2.5 5.59
Far Eastern Inc 160.9 171.4 +2.3 1.17
Do Accum 196.6 209.8 +2.8 1.17
Fund Of Inv Inc 258.9 273.1● +0.5 2.98
Do Acc 410.4 433.0 +0.7 2.98
General Income 646.6 682.2 +3.2 3.86
Do Accum £13.70 14.46 +0.06 3.86
Gilt & Fixed Int 55.4 58.2● +0.1 10.07
Do Accum 87.1 91.5● +0.2 10.07
Gold Income 48.3 49.3 +1.5 2.44
Do Accum 49.4 52.6 +1.6 2.44
High Income Inc 326.5 346.7c +1.6 5.37
Do Accum 881.8 939.1 +4.3 5.37
Intl Growth Inc 793.8 837.5 +4.6 1.91
Do Accum £12.78 13.48 +0.07 1.91
Intl Inc 61.9 65.3● +0.3 5.36
Japan Acc 858.9 905.1 +8.4 0.32
Japan Smaller Acc 87.4 92.8 +1.1 0.03
Midland & Gen Inc 578.2 610.0● +3.1 4.18
Do Accum £14.81 15.41● +0.07 4.18
Recovery Fund Inc 369.9 387.6 +2.2 3.39
Do Accum 480.1 516.1 +2.8 3.39
Second Gen Inc 735.5 776.0c +3.0 3.72
Do Accum £14.51 15.31c +0.05 3.72
Smaller Cos Inc 678.6 723.5 +1.6 2.81
Do Accum £10.70 11.50 +0.02 2.81
Trustee Fund Inc 452.5 481.9● +1.3 4.45
Charibond Inc (3) 101.4 .. .. 11.72
Charifund Inc (2) 402.1 405.2c .. 5.66
Pension Exempt (1) 477.6 497.0 +7.5 4.30
NAACIF Inc (3) 37.0 ● .. 8.49
Do Accum (3) 466.3 c .. 8.49

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01-588 2777 Dealing:01-638 0478/9
UK Specialist Trusts
Growth Gilt 58.5 60.4 .. 2.66
Smaller Co's 141.8 150.5 .. 1.39
UK Market Features 86.2 91.5 +1.0 1.72
Do Accum 90.4 96.9 +1.2 1.72
General Funds
UK Growth 37.2 39.5● -0.1 2.22
Managed Inv 59.5 63.1 +0.4 2.59
High Income Funds
Extra Inc 57.4 60.9 -0.1 7.35
Gilt 24.2 25.3 -0.2 8.54
Inc & Growth 204.6 217.1● +0.3 4.43
Nat High Inc 196.6 208.6 -0.4 5.36
Pref Shares 17.2 18.2● +0.1 10.26
Sector Specialist Funds
Commodity 143.1 151.8● +2.0 1.74
Financial Secs 47.7 50.6c -0.4 1.12
Gold 59.0 63.3 +1.7 0.55
Do Accum 61.2 65.6 +1.8 0.55
Int Leisure 15.4 16.3c +0.1 0.00
Prop Shares 66.1 70.1 +0.2 0.51
Univ Energy 40.4 42.9 +0.2 0.93
World Tech 43.0 45.6 +0.1 0.00
Exempt Funds
Exempt 85.4 89.0● -0.4 3.83
Overseas Growth Fund
Amer Growth 104.8 111.2 +0.4 1.60
Aust Growth 76.4 81.1 +0.6 1.04
European Perf 94.2 99.9 +0.9 0.34
Do Accum 94.4 100.2 +1.0 0.34
Euro Smaller 17.5 18.6● +0.1 0.73
Far East 59.9 63.6 +0.7 0.03
Hong Kong 34.3 36.4 +0.6 1.24
Intl Growth 38.8 41.2● +0.4 1.15
Intl Recovery 109.5 116.3● +0.1 0.47
Japan Perf 78.1 82.9 +1.0 0.00
Japan Smaller Cos 16.0 17.0 +0.3 0.00
US Small Co 68.0 72.2● +0.2 0.00
Do Accum 68.8 73.0● +0.3 0.00
Overseas Income Funds
Intl High Inc 56.8 60.3● +0.4 4.98
US Income 59.9 63.6 +0.4 4.11
Do Accum 65.0 69.0 +0.4 4.11
NEL Trusts
Nelstar Gilt 67.8 69.6 -0.3 10.12

MLA UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT
99-100, Sandling Rd, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX
0622 674751
MLA American 24.5 25.9 +0.1 0.96
MLA General 33.2 35.1● -0.2 2.13
MLA International 59.1 62.6 +0.2 0.84
MLA Gilt Unit 21.4 22.6● -0.2 11.50
MLA Income 41.7 44.2● +0.5 5.09
MLA European 32.1 34.0 .. 0.73

MANULIFE MANAGEMENT
St Georges Way, Stevenage Herts
0438 356101
Growth Units 75.8 80.5 .. 3.00
Gilt & Fixed Int 103.3 108.9 .. 7.78
High Income Units 115.5 122.7 .. 4.58
High Yield Gilt Unt 56.7 58.7 .. 9.11
Intl Growth Units 142.8 151.8 .. 0.36
N American Units 74.5 79.2 .. 0.75
Far East Units 95.0 101.0 .. 0.07
Smaller Cos Fund 73.1 77.7 .. 2.01

MENCAP UNIT TRUST
Unicorn Hse, 252, Romford Rd, E7
01-534 5544
Mencap 135.2 143.0● -0.4 4.69

MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD
33, King William St, EC4R 9AS
01-280 2860
Amer Growth 96.2 101.7● .. 1.35
Do Accum 100.3 106.1● .. 1.35
Amer Income 51.9 54.9 +0.1 3.91
Do Accum 55.4 58.6 +0.1 3.91
European Growth 143.7 152.0 +0.9 1.06
Do Accum 148.6 157.4 +1.0 1.06
General 246.6 260.9 .. 2.01
Do Accum 404.8 428.3 -0.1 2.01
Gilt & Fixed 78.6 78.9● -0.6 8.64
Do Accum 91.6 92.0● -0.7 8.04
Income 85.1 90.0 +0.2 4.54
Do Accum 95.9 101.4 +0.3 4.54
International 268.9 284.5 +2.1 1.73
Do Accum 333.4 352.8 +2.5 1.73
Japan 184.7 195.4 +2.4 0.00
Do Accum 189.0 199.9 +2.4 0.00
Recovery 202.1 213.8● -0.5 2.45
Do Accum 218.0 230.9● -0.6 2.45
Exempt Dist 233.3 239.2 .. 2.59
Exempt Accum 363.2 372.5 .. 2.59
Euro Inc. Fund Inc 82.2 86.9 +0.7 3.53
Do Accum 83.6 88.4 +0.7 3.53

MIDLAND BANK GROUP UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Courtwood Hse, Silver St, Head, Sheffield S1 3RD
0742 769842
Capital Income 77.7 82.4 -0.4 2.66
Do Accum 105.5 112.2 -0.6 2.58
Commodity & Gen 127.4 135.2● +1.6 2.73
Do Accum 181.4 192.4● +2.2 2.73
Extra High Inc 59.5 62.0 -0.1 8.03
Do Accum 69.2 73.4 .. 8.03
Gilt & Fixed Inc 48.7 50.8● -0.4 9.98
Do Accum 82.3 85.9● -0.7 9.98
High Yield 155.3 164.7● -0.1 5.74
Do Accum 269.8 286.0● -0.2 5.74
Income 173.8 184.4 -0.2 3.83
Do Accum 288.0 305.6 -0.3 3.83
Japan & Pacific 298.8 317.0 +4.8 0.09
Do Accum 313.4 332.5 +5.0 0.09
N American Inc 116.4 123.4● +0.7 1.16
Do Accum 139.9 148.5● +0.8 1.16
Euro Gth Inc 136.9 145.2● +1.4 1.36
Do Accum 164.8 174.8● +1.5 1.36
Managed Portfolio 53.3 56.4 -0.2 3.58
Smaller Cos Inc 119.7 127.0 +0.1 2.18
Do Accum 127.8 135.5 +0.1 2.18

MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT
163, Hope Street, Glasgow G2 2UH
041 221 9252
American 122.2 131.5 +0.2 2.88
European 276.0 294.8 +3.8 1.15
Smaller Cos 221.7 236.0● +1.5 0.63

NATIONAL PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGERS
48, Gracechurch St, EC3P 3HH
01-623 4200 Ext 289
NPI UK 200.2 213.0● .. 3.30
Do Accum 326.9 347.8● .. 3.30
NPI Overseas 622.3 662.1 .. 1.10
Do Accum 762.0 810.7 .. 1.10
Far East Acc 92.5 98.5 .. 0.60
American Acc 62.1 66.1● .. 1.40
European Acc 58.8 62.6 .. 0.80
Worldwide Acc 54.5 58.0 .. 1.10

NORWICH UT MANAGERS
PO Box 4, Norwich NR1 3NG
0603 622200
Group Trust £12.21 12.85 -0.05 3.67
Intl Trust 141.9 148.4● +1.2 1.18

OPPENHEIMER TRUST MANAGEMENT
66, Cannon Street, London EC4N 6AE
dealings 01-236 3885/6/7/8/9/0
International Growth 151.5 161.3 +1.3 0.35
Income & Growth 58.6 62.4 .. 3.68
Worldwide Rec 93.6 99.6c +0.4 0.65
American Growth 33.1 35.3 +0.2 ..
Japan Growth 55.6 59.2● +0.4 0.00
European Growth 75.7 80.6 +0.8 0.03
UK Growth 53.4 56.9● -0.1 1.69
Pacific Growth 47.5 50.5● +0.5 ..
High Income 34.4 36.6 +0.1 7.36

PEARL TRUST
252, High Holborn, WC1V 7EB
01-405 8441
Growth Fund Inc 91.6 97.4 +0.1 2.40
Do Accum 137.5 146.3 +0.2 2.40
Income Fund 123.0 130.6 -0.4 3.78
Intl Equity Inc 141.0 150.0 +0.7 1.36
Do Accum 142.2 151.3 +0.7 1.36
Unit Trust Inc 129.3 137.5● -0.3 2.87
Do Accum 225.2 240.6● -0.5 2.87

PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST
48, Hart Street, Henley On Thames
0491 576868
Intl Growth 282.0 301.0 +2.2 0.74
Income 191.3 203.8 .. 4.59
Worldwide Rec 157.2 167.8 .. 1.37
Amer Growth 69.1 73.8 -0.7 0.60
Intl Emerg Co's 82.1 87.7 -1.0 0.56
Far East Grwth 82.2 87.8● -0.1 0.67
European Gth 82.5 88.8● -1.0 1.27

PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
222, Bishopsgate, London EC2
01-247 7544/7
International 124.5 132.8 +0.5 0.94
High Income 81.5 86.9● -0.1 4.26
Conv & Gilt 97.2 103.5● .. 8.07
Far Eastern 182.3 195.0 +3.7 0.02
North American 129.3 138.3 +0.4 0.07
Special Sits 70.2 75.1● +0.1 1.73
Technology 116.5 124.6● -0.7 0.00
Extra Income 89.5 95.8 +0.1 4.80
Euro Gth & Inc 47.5 50.8 .. 3.21

PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
51-59, Ilford Hill, Ilford Essex, IG1 2DL
01-478 3377
Holborn Equity 401.2 424.5● -1.6 3.12
European 112.1 118.6● +1.1 0.52
Holborn Comms 52.8 55.7 .. 0.87
Holborn High Inc 65.0 68.7c -0.2 6.33
Holborn Intl 105.2 111.3 +0.6 0.76
Japanese 104.3 110.2 +1.9 0.05
N American 76.4 80.8● +0.2 0.80
Holborn Spec Sits 65.4 69.2● -0.8 1.98
Holborn UK Growth 81.1 85.8 -0.4 2.05
Holborn Gilt Trust 157.6 166.1 -3.6 2.56
Holborn Smlr Cos 49.7 52.5 +0.2 2.18
Holborn Eqy Inc .. ..

QUILTER MANAGEMENT COMPANY
31-45 Gresham St. London EC2V 7LH
01-600 4177
Quadrant General 444.2 470.1 .. 2.79
Quadrant Income 248.4 260.6 .. 5.33
Quadrant Intl Fd 421.0 443.6 +8.5 1.58
Quadrant Recovery 274.2 290.2 .. 2.41

NM ROTHSCHILD ASSET MANAGEMENT
St Swithins Lane, London EC4P 4DU
01-280 5456
NC Income 87.9 93.5● -0.1 4.02
NC Japan 190.2 202.3 +1.7 0.01
NC Major UK Co 51.3 54.5● -0.2 1.92
NC Smaller Ars 65.6 69.7 +0.1 1.35
NC American Inc 281.1 299.0 +0.3 1.18
Do Accum 307.0 326.5 +0.3 1.18
NC Smaller Cos 143.6 152.7 .. 1.92
NC Smlr Europ Co's 201.4 214.2● +3.2 0.33
NC Exempt Gilt £116.0 121.0● .. 8.44

ROWAN UNIT TRUST
33 King William Street, London EC4R 9AS
01-626 5678
American (4) 233.5 237.5● .. 1.88
Securities (2) 712.0 727.0 .. 2.18
High Yield (5) 173.0 176.5● .. 6.96
Merlin (3) 429.0 437.0 .. 2.15
Fixed Interest 154.5 155.5 -1.5 2.65
High Interest 110.5 111.5 -1.5 13.72
Far East (2) 236.5 240.0 .. 0.05

ROYAL LIFE FUND MANAGEMENT
New Hall Place, Liverpool L69 3HS
051-227 4422
Equity Trust 80.9 84.4● -0.2 2.80
Intl Trust 79.0 83.5 +0.7 1.36
Gilt Trust 23.5 24.7● -0.3 9.31
US Trust 34.5 36.6 +0.2 1.85
Pacific Basin Tst 46.0 48.8● +0.7 0.39

20 Clifton St, London EC2
01-920 0311
Equity Dist 114.5 121.2● -1.7 1.64
Do Accum 161.6 171.1● -2.9 1.64
High Income Trust 90.0 95.3 -0.2 4.44
Do Accum 105.6 113.2 -0.3 4.44
US Growth 58.4 61.8 +0.1 0.93
Do Accum 58.4 63.1 +0.1 0.93

ROYAL LONDON UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Royal London House, Colchester CO1 1RA
0206 576115
American Growth 85.0 90.5 .. 0.82
London UK Gth 43.8 46.7a .. 2.18
Gilt Income 51.4 54.2 -0.4 8.54
High Income 79.5 84.7● .. 4.87
Income & Growth 98.2 104.5● -0.4 4.28
Japan Growth 83.1 89.1 +1.5 0.03
Special Sits 112.8 120.0 -0.6 1.28

SAVE & PROSPER
28, Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB
(Romford) 0708-66966
Amer Inc & Growth 68.9 73.2● +0.1 7.03
Capital Units 106.6 113.4 +0.9 1.21
Commodity 57.0 60.6 +1.1 0.78
European Growth 122.4 130.2● +0.9 0.58
Financial Secs 98.2 104.4● +0.4 1.94
High Return Units 187.1 189.0 -0.1 4.97
High Yield Units 166.5 177.1 +0.1 4.58
Income Units 94.5 100.5 +0.1 5.87
Investment Trust 92.7 98.6 +0.1 2.65
Japan Growth 100.8 107.2 +1.5 0.00
Japan Smaller Cos 121.3 129.0 +2.0 0.00
Masterfund 30.6 32.5 +0.1 2.80
Scotbits 133.4 141.9 -0.9 2.42
Scotshares 148.4 157.6● -0.2 4.23
Scotyields 155.6 165.5 -1.4 4.53
Select International 83.0 88.2 -1.7 1.11
Smaller Co's Inc 161.0 171.3 +0.2 4.40
Special Situations 97.7 103.9 .. 1.72
UK Equity 180.9 192.4 -0.4 2.99
US Growth 75.3 80.1 +0.3 1.56
Universal Growth 92.7 98.6 -0.8 1.13

SCHRODER UNIT TRUST
Enterprise House, Portsmouth
0705 827733
American Acc 136.3 144.9● .. 0.78
Australia Acc 75.9 85.4 +1.0 1.16
European Inc 132.3 140.7● +0.5 0.90
Do Accum 136.5 145.2● +0.6 0.90
Gilt & Fixed Inc 51.1 53.9 -0.3 9.13
Gold Fund Inc 40.7 43.3● -3.1 1.73
Do Accum 43.0 45.7● -3.4 1.73
Income 178.2 189.5c -2.2 5.05
Intl Income 121.8 129.5● +0.1 0.28
Do Accum 168.4 179.1● -0.1 0.29
Jap Smlr Co's Acc 135.3 143.9 +1.5 0.00
Sing & Malay Acc 68.0 72.3● +0.8 0.79
Smaller Co Inc Acc 138.8 147.6c -0.3 1.14
Special Sits Inc 103.4 110.0● .. 0.98
Do Accum 108.0 114.8● .. 0.98
Tokyo Fund Inc 231.1 245.8 +4.7 0.30
Do Accum 233.4 248.2 +4.8 0.00
US Smaller Co's Ac 52.0 55.3● .. 0.00
UK Equity Inc 103.4 110.0 -1.0 3.29
Do Accum 160.4 170.7 -1.5 3.29
Far East Gth Accum 62.7 66.7 -0.7 0.50
Extra Inc 62.3 66.2 .. 7.50

SCIMITAR ASSET MANAGEMENT
33-36 Gracechurch St London EC3V 0AX
01-623 5776/8711
UK Equity Inc 25.0 26.3 +0.2 4.91
Do Acc 25.3 26.6 +0.2 4.91
Euro Tst Inc 29.3 31.2● +0.1 0.35
Do Acc 29.3 31.2● +0.1 0.35
Global Gth Inc 29.0 30.8● +0.2 0.55
Do Acc 29.0 30.8● +0.1 0.55
Managed Exempt 119.2 124.2 .. 3.15
Pacific Basin 23.4 24.9 +0.3 1.00

SCOTTISH EQUITABLE
28 St Andrews Sq, Edinburgh
031-556 9101
Intl Income Units 153.0 162.8● .. 2.58
Do Accum 230.7 245.4● .. 2.58

SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS
19, St Andrews Sq, Edinburgh
031 225 2211
UK Equity 179.0 191.5 -1.0 1.83
American 151.4 162.0 +0.5 1.27
Pacific 201.5 215.5 +3.1 0.05
European 268.9 285.5 +1.3 0.51

SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGERS
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Gilt & Fixed 106.7 113.6 -1.0 9.22
UK Smlr Co's Eq 151.4 161.1 +0.1 2.23
European 224.1 238.5● +2.4 0.98
N American 118.7 126.3 -0.2 1.54
Pacific 193.5 205.9 +2.4 0.42

SCOTTISH UNIT TRUST
29, Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh
031-226 4372
Pacific 70.0 74.4 +1.1 0.00
World Growth 39.6 42.1● +0.1 0.75
N American 33.2 35.3 +0.7 0.00
Income Fund 45.5 48.4● .. 4.93
European 48.9 52.0 +0.3 0.77
N Amer Inc 27.9 29.7● +0.2 1.79
UK Growth 30.8 32.7● -0.2 2.05
Extra Inc 32.3 34.3e -0.6 5.73

SCOTTISH WIDOWS
PO Box 902, Edinburgh EH16 5BU
031-655 6000
Peg Eq Inc 231.5 246.4 +0.7 3.04
Do Accum 270.5 287.9 +0.9 3.04

SENTINEL FUNDS MANAGEMENT
30, City Rd, London EC1Y 2AY
01-638 6011
Amer Tech & Gen 102.3 109.0 -2.0 0.54
Pacific 208.4 222.0 +0.1 0.00
Sec Income Fnd 171.8 183.0● -2.9 4.54
Special Situations 219.7 234.0● -2.2 1.49
Intl Growth 43.4 46.2 +0.3 0.16
American Majors 71.2 75.9● -1.4 1.26
Small Co's 42.1 44.8 -0.7 1.67
Japan Tech & Gen 111.0 118.2 +0.2 0.00
International Income 56.8 60.5● -1.5 5.63
Exempt 582.8 609.0 -2.2 2.25
UK General 34.6 36.9● -0.6 3.63
Euro Growth 41.9 44.6 .. 0.32
Euro Income 47.9 51.0● .. 4.00

STANDARD LIFE
3, George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ
031 225 2552
Income Units 24.7 26.3 -0.1 2.65
Do Accum Units 27.8 29.6 .. 2.65

STEWART, IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
45, Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh
031-226 3271
American Fund 220.2 234.5● .. 1.75
Do Accum 248.8 265.0● .. 1.75
Do Withdrawal 151.2 161.0● -0.1 1.75
Australian Fund 133.2 141.6 +0.7 0.60
Do Accum 135.4 144.3 +0.7 0.90
British Fund 592.3 630.9 -1.4 4.39
Do Accum 812.0 864.9 -1.9 4.39
European Fund 339.0 361.1● +3.5 0.54
Do Accum 357.6 381.0● +3.7 0.54
Japan Fund 65.2 69.4 +0.7 0.21
Do Accum 65.5 69.7 +0.7 0.21
Saints PPP 176.6 185.9 .. ..

SUN ALLIANCE
Sun Alliance Hse, Horsham, Sussex
0403 56293
Equity Trust Acc 389.4 412.0 -1.6 2.67
N Am Trust Acc 61.5 65.4 -0.5 1.32
Far East Trust Acc 90.8 96.6 +2.1 0.34
Worldwide Bond 52.2 55.5 +0.2 5.53
European 58.8 60.4 +0.3 1.82
Equity Inc Tst 47.1 50.0 .. 8.27

SUN LIFE OF CANADA
2,3,4, Cockspur Street, London SW1Y 5BH
Dealing no:01-930 2602
UK Income 25.1 26.8 .. 4.67
Do Growth 23.9 25.4 -0.1 3.00

TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD
Keens House, Andover, Hants, SP10 1PG
0264 56789 Dealings: 0264 63432/3/4
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Do Accum 123.3 131.2 -1.0 1.58
Extra Income Inc 117.2 124.7 +0.4 5.33
Do Accum 140.5 149.5 +0.4 5.33
General Unit Inc 159.4 169.6 +0.5 2.88
Do Accum 262.4 279.2 +0.7 2.88
Gilt & Fixed Inc 45.1 47.0● -0.1 9.61
Do Accum 60.8 63.4● -0.1 9.61
Income 217.8 231.5● +0.6 4.55
Accum 344.9 367.0● +1.1 4.55
Pacific Inc 181.4 193.0 +2.1 0.61
Do Accum 187.3 199.3 +2.2 0.61
Intl Inc 338.2 359.7● .. 1.11
Do Accum 420.8 447.4● -0.1 1.11
Selected Opps Inc 66.1 70.4 +0.2 1.85
Do Accum 73.1 77.8 +0.3 1.85
Natural Res 54.8 58.4● -0.3 1.58
Do Accum 58.9 60.6● -0.3 1.58

TARGET TRUST MANAGERS
Target House, Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury Bucks
(0296) 394000
Amer Eagle 73.6 78.1● -0.1 0.09
Australian 21.8 23.1 +0.3 0.10
Commodity 85.0 90.2● +0.5 1.00
Energy 29.0 31.0 .. 1.91
Equity 128.6 137.0e +0.1 3.59
European Spec Sits 120.2 127.7 +1.9 0.64
Extra Income 116.7 123.9 -0.2 5.75
Financial 270.0 286.6 -0.3 1.63
Gilt Income 92.6 97.4● -1.0 8.90
Gold Income 73.1 77.8● +1.4 0.64
Do Accum 134.2 142.7● +2.8 0.64
Income 86.4 91.8● -0.4 4.35
Japan 121.5 130.0 +1.3 0.10
Malay & Singapore 24.9 26.6 .. 0.92
Pacific Inc 112.1 119.1 +1.6 0.89
Do Permnt 137.8 145.5 +2.0 0.89
Pref Share Fd [illegible] 18.3● .. 9.87
UK Capital 71.9 76.5 -0.3 1.33
Special Sits 85.8 91.4 -0.1 0.68
Technology 46.2 49.1 -0.1 0.10
World Income 63.9 67.8● -0.2 4.13
Worldwide Capital 148.1 157.5 .. 1.13
Equity Ex (3) 85.2 91.7● .. 2.02
Do Accum (3) 162.4 172.8● .. 2.02

THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD
Park House 16 Finsbury Circus London EC2M 7DJ
01-374 4555
Far East & Gen 66.2 70.7 +1.7 0.70
Japan & Gen 52.5 58.2 +0.7 0.90
Nth Amer & Gen 50.2 53.6 +0.2 0.94
Oriental Inc 53.3 57.8 +0.3 0.87
Pacific Tech 72.5 78.8 +0.8 0.84
Tiger 41.3 44.1 -0.5 2.26
UK & Gen 23.8 25.3 .. 2.97
Oriental Acc

3i UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
2, St Mary Axe London EC3A 8BP
01 928-3056
Smaller Cos 66.0 70.2 .. 0.00

TOUCHE REMNANT
Mermaid House, 2, Puddle Dock, London EC4V 3AT
01-248 1250
American Growth 41.6 44.2 -0.2 0.50
General Growth 51.5 55.1 -0.3 2.81
Global Tech 46.0 49.2● -0.2 0.10
Income Growth 61.6 65.5 -0.5 4.64
Income Monthly 47.2 50.5● -0.3 6.44
Japan Growth 45.3 52.7● +0.4 0.12
Man Equity Inc 24.1 26.0 -0.3 2.36
Do Accum 24.4 26.0 -0.3 2.38
O'seas Growth 51.9 55.5● +0.4 0.73
Smaller Cos 63.9 68.0 -0.2 2.20
Special Opps 76.3 81.6 .. 1.70

TYNDALL MANAGERS LTD
401, St John Street London EC1V 4DE
01-837 6494
Australian 65.5 70.1● +0.8 1.25
Capital 320.4 339.4● -1.1 3.08
Europe Growth Acc 121.5 129.4 +1.4 0.84
Exempt 294.2 311.6● -0.5 5.42
Far Eastern 150.0 159.2 +2.8 0.29
Fin & Prop 57.3 60.7 +0.1 2.88
Gilt Capital 111.8 115.1 -1.5 7.16
Gilt Income 95.3 98.1c -0.7 10.98
High Yield 55.1 58.4● -0.1 5.82
Income 239.2 253.4c -2.8 4.84
Intl Earnings 161.3 170.9 -0.3 2.68
Intl Growth Inc 84.7 90.2 +0.7 0.80
Japan Growth Acc 754.5 799.3c -2.6 4.81
Nat Resources Inc 201.2 214.3 +3.0 1.57
Nth Amer Gth Inc 116.6 124.7 +0.2 0.65
Preference Inc 112.8 119.5● -0.2 10.74
Small Co's Div Inc 60.9 64.5 +0.5 5.72
Small Co's Inc 202.3 214.3 +0.7 1.92
Special Sits Inc 106.3 112.6● +0.4 2.04

UK PROVIDENT UT MANAGERS
UK House, Castle St, Salisbury SP1 3SH
0722 336242
UK Equity 122.4 129.7 -4.1 ..
Pacific Basin 164.6 174.7 +1.7 ..
N Amer 126.7 134.3 +0.3 ..

VANGUARD TRUST
65 Holborn Viaduct EC1A 2EU
General Enquiries 01-236 3053 Dealing Line 01-236 2468
Growth Inc 189.5 201.6 -1.0 2.47
Do Accum 278.8 296.6 -1.5 2.47
High Yield 210.8 224.1 -2.0 4.94
Do Accum 215.3 229.1 -2.0 4.94
Special Sits 41.5 44.2 -0.6 2.66
Do Accum 41.6 44.5● -0.8 2.66
Trustee 140.5 149.5 -1.2 4.15
Do Accum 215.3 229.1 -1.8 4.15
Amer & Gen 63.6 67.7 +0.2 1.82
Do Accum 63.8 67.9 +0.2 1.82
Master Portfolio £63.22 64.64● +0.24 2.49
Do Accum £63.77 65.41 +0.26 2.49
Abng Rdm Asts (5) 124.0 132.0 .. 2.19
Do Accum 124.9 132.9 .. 2.19
Far East & Gen Inc 56.8 60.5 +0.7 0.00
Do Accum 56.8 60.5 +0.7 0.00
Euro Fund Inc 50.6 53.9 +0.5 0.74
Do Acc 50.6 53.9 +0.5 0.74

WARDLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Wardley House, 7, Devonshire Sq, London EC2
01-929 1532
American Trust 67.7 72.4 +0.5 1.60
Far East & Gen 118.2 125.1 +2.3 0.50
Intl Growth 77.5 82.1 +0.3 0.40
Income Trust 84.6 90.5● +0.2 5.30
Japan Growth 133.0 142.2● +2.8 0.10
Small Companies 110.3 118.0 +0.8 2.00
Technology 36.9 39.4● -0.7 0.10
Australia 47.8 51.2 +0.5 1.40
UK Trust 134.9 142.8● -0.1 2.50
European Growth 81.1 84.7 +0.8 0.20
Hong Kong 31.1 32.9 +0.4 1.40

WAVERLEY ASSET MANAGEMENT
13, Charlotte Sq., Edinburgh
031-225 1551
Australian Gold 27.5 29.2 .. 0.15
Pacific Basin 21.5 22.8● .. 0.20
Canadian Bal Gth 57.4 61.0● .. 0.00
Ginnie Mae Fnd $104.4 108.8● .. 5.80

WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
2 Honey La EC2 8BT
01-606 9085/6
Sht Dtd Gilt Fund 68.6 69.7 .. 0.00
US Govt Bond Fd $51.7 52.0 .. ..
Challenger 48.9 50.1 .. 2.00

WINDSOR TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Windsor House, 83, Kingsway, London WC2B 6SD
01-405 8331
Conv & Equity 49.2 52.4● +0.1 7.50
Income 58.0 59.6 .. 4.92
Growth 54.2 57.7 +0.4 2.14

The prices in this section refer to Monday's trading

● Ex dividend. c Cum dividend. k Cum stock split. s Ex stock split. m Cum all (any two or more of above). a Ex all (any two or more of above). Dealing or valuation days: (1) Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Friday. (20) 25th of month. (21) 2nd Thursday of month. (22) 1st and 3rd Wednesday of month. (23) 20th of month. (24) 3rd Tuesday of month. (25) 1st and 3rd Thursday of month. (26) 4th Tuesday of month. (27) 1st Wednesday of month. (28) Last Thursday of month. (29) 3rd working day of month. (30) 16th of month. (31) 1st working day of month. (32) 20th of month. (33) 1st day of February, May, August, November. (34) Last working day of month. (35) 15th of month. (36) 14th of month. (37) 21st of month. (38) 3rd Wednesday of month. (39) 2nd Wednesday of month. (40) Valued monthly. (41) Last Thursday of Stock Exchange account. (42) Last day of month. (43) 2nd and 4th Wednesday of month. (44) Quarterly. (45) 6th of month. (46) 2nd Tuesday of month.

UNLISTED SECURITIES

1986 High Low Company Price Bid Offer Ch'ge Gross div p Yld % P/E

14½ 8½ A & M Gp 11 12 .. 0.6e 5.2 16.4
65 46 ATA Selection 54 58● .. 2.1 3.6 15.0
136 98 Abbeycrest 130 133● .. 3.6 2.7 18.8
64 33 Aberdeen Stk Hse 48 53 .. 1.7e 3.3 14.2
143 45 Access Satellite .. .. .. 4.8 .. ..
65 34 Acorn Comp 39 42 +1 .. .. 2.9
19 8½ Acsis Jewellery 18 20 +1 .. .. 10.2
22 14 Adam Leisure 14 18 .. .. .. 1.9
195 90 Airspring 87 92 -1 7.7 8.6 ..
252 121 Anglia Secure Hms 240 243 -4 2.3 1.0 33.5
121 58 Antler 107 112 +2 .. .. ..
165 8½ Applemore 148 153 .. 2.9 1.9 14.5
368 210 App Holographics 340 345 -1 .. .. ..
320 185 Do Wrnts 300 310 .. ..
355 220 Aspen Comms 312 317 .. 4.4 1.4 32.8
189 102 Aspinall 104 107 .. 8.6 8.1 5.7
620 27 Asprey 530 580 +10 14.3 2.6 15.9
40 27 Assoc Energy 30 32 .. .. .. 7.7
233 155 ASD 165 175 .. 11.4 6.7 7.3
148 122 Atlas Equipment 142 147 .. 7.0 4.8 13.2
95 61 Automagic 85 90 .. 8.6 9.8 15.5
70 65 BBB Design 63 66 .. 1.4 2.2 15.6
44½ 43½ BCE 43 44½ .. ..
228 185 BPP 195 205 .. 7.1 3.6 18.3
85 70 BTS Grp 74 77 .. 5.7 7.5 9.0
120 58 Bedford (William) 112 117 +2 6.4 5.8 10.7
28 18½ Bennett & Fountain 23½ 24½● .. 0.7 2.9 20.2
53 37 Benstons Crops 45 50 -2 .. .. 13.5
17½ 9 Berkeley & Hay 15½ 16½ -½ 27.5
68 26 Berkeley Exp 62 64 .. .. .. 8.8
133 122 Berry,Birch & Noble 121 124 +1 6.0 4.9 14.3
156 143 Bilston&Battersea 140 145 .. 5.3 3.7 17.7
24 10 Bio Isolates 15 17 .. ..
34 18 Biomechanics 30 32 -1 .. .. ..
44 39 Bipel 39½ 40½ .. 1.8 4.5 10.0
133 98 Blanchards 112 116● .. 6.4 5.6 12.4
141 140 Blenheim Exhib 137 142 .. 3.0 2.1 21.5
271 165 Bluebird Toys 261 265 +6 5.0 1.9 20.4
180 133 Borland 138 141 -3 .. .. ..
27 18 Brewmaker 19 21 ●-1 1.1 5.5 10.6
185 70 Brikat 67 77 +2 6.0 8.3 5.9
200 1 Brent 1 .. .. 5.4 .. 0.1
250 150 Br Bloodstock 168 178 +6 12.6 7.3 8.2
59 48 Br Island 50 55 +2 4.0 7.5 8.6
59 42 Broad St 47 48 .. 1.6 3.3 ..
358 180 Brookmount 340 350 .. 5.0 1.4 18.8
188 36 Brown (Charlie) 185 190 ●+1 4.3 2.3 21.6
345 195 Bryant (Derek) 220 228 .. 11.8b 5.2 7.9
3½ 2 Bula Resources 2¼ 3 .. ..
103 73 CCA Galleries 85 90 .. 3.4 3.9 13.1
180 130 CML Micro 160 170 .. 2.6 1.6 16.9
36 5¾ CPS Comp 5¾ 6½ .. 1.4 22.4 3.3
42 25 CPU Comp 28 30 .. .. .. 17.4
175 130 CVD 163 167● .. ..
210 85 Caledonian Off 140 150 .. ..
68 62 Camotech 63 66 .. 2.9 4.5 13.3
183 88 Cannon Street Inv 179 182 +1 3.6 2.0 26.9
141 74 Chancery Secs 132 135 .. 3.1 2.3 16.1
205 83 Checkpoint Europe 165 175 .. .. .. 14.9
161 125 Chelsea Man 152 157 -1 2.3 1.5 25.5
13 6½ Chem Methods 9 10½ -1 3.0 30.0 ..
253 158 Cheshire W 240 245 ●+7 5.2 2.1 25.9
21¼ 8½ Cifer 14 15½ -½ 2.2
98 88 Citygrove 95 100 +2 3.6 3.7 14.9
45 25 Cityvision 39 42 -1 .. .. ..
800 475 Cityvision 7% 765 815 .. ..
115 67 Cengrant 85 90 -3 1.8 2.0 10.1
173 148 Clarke Hooper 147 152 -1 3.3 2.2 20.3
33 14 Clogau Gold 31½ 33 +2½ .. .. ..
57 25 Cliff Oil Hldgs 56 58 +3 .. .. ..
120 87 Coated Electrodes 115 120 -2 5.6 4.7 13.7
88 53 Cobra Emerald 58 65 .. ..
143 21 Colina 140 145 .. 3.9 2.7 15.7
133 21 Colorgen Inc 27 32 +2 .. .. ..
175 123 Como Financial 155 160● .. 3.3 2.1 29.0
53 30 Compsoft 42 47 .. .. .. 7.5
150 84 Consultants 144 148 .. 1.8 1.2 28.4
58 38 Cons Tech Invs 38 42 .. 7.1e 17.8 26.8
320 143 Cont Microwave 160 170 s 3.2 1.9 19.4
115 93 Coralls 100 105 ●+2 3.7 3.6 14.3
133 93 CPM 95 100 .. 2.5 2.6 14.5
430 308 Crampthorn 390 410 ●-13 8.8 2.2 17.7
75 46 Cranbrook 52 57 +2 0.7e 1.3 14.6
114 96 Cranswick 103 108 +4 6.4 6.0 9.2
113 75 Craton Lodge 83 88 +1 2.8 3.3 18.2
198 171 Creighton Labs 170 175 -5 5.3 3.1 21.1
82 68 Crown TV Prods 73 75 +2 .. .. ..
157 78 Crysis 145 150● .. 1.5 1.0 18.4
73 43 DBE Tech 47 52 +5 .. .. 46.3
140 83 DJ Sec Alarms 92 97 +2 2.1 2.2 7.8
85 63 Datron 60 65 ●-7 1.4 2.2 11.1
216 190 Davies (DY) 195 200 .. 4.9 2.5 22.1
84 55 Dean & Bowes 77 80 .. 2.9 3.7 19.3
27 21 De Brett (Andre) 24 25 .. 0.4 1.6 12.3
166 131 Debtor 163 168 .. 5.7 3.4 ..
57 40 Delmar 45 47 .. 2.9 6.3 9.1
138 108 Dencora 112 117 .. 2.8 2.5 15.9
115 70 Densmars Elec 88 95 .. 5.4 6.0 6.8
135 66 Dewey Warren 68 73 -2 10.7e 15.1 4.8
285 175 Dolene 275 285 .. 7.0 2.5 15.3
478 375 Druck 470 485 .. 6.3 1.3 22.8
19½ 18 Dunton 18 19 -1 0.8 3.2 21.5
58 39 Ende 45 48 .. 2.5 5.3 14.6
148 104 Ealing Elect Optics 123 128 .. 3.1 2.5 21.8
37 11 Ecobric 19 20½ .. 0.4e 2.0 14.9
325 238 Edin Fund 265 270 .. 8.3 3.5 16.0
41 22 Edin Oil & Gas 29 31 r 75.0
431 322 Eldridge Pope 'A' 425 435 .. 9.6 2.2 19.8
148 108 Electron House 117 122● .. 4.9 4.1 15.7
100 72 Electronic Data P 90 94 -2 2.3 2.5 13.5
45 24 Ennex 41 43 .. ..
18 6 Entertainment Prod 8 10 .. 1.4 15.6 4.0
215 122 Equipu 170 180 +3 7.1 4.1 14.7
115 103 Eve Construction 112 117 .. 6.4 5.6 13.0
380 138 FII 375 385 .. ..
390 151 FNB Gp 240 245 .. 3.8 1.5 26.0
161 138 F & H Group 138 143 .. ..
90 51 Feedback 63 68 +1 3.9 5.9 23.7
73½ 17 Fergebrook 16½ 18 .. .. .. 1.4
133 83 Fields (Mrs) 125 130 .. ..
73 53 Fletcher Dennys 50 55 -3 3.8 6.8 12.3
65 31 Flextech 48 50 .. .. .. 8.5
294 100 Flogas 282 286 +14 25.6 9.1 ..
60 30 Floyd Oil 38 43 .. .. .. 15.8
88 80 Ford & Weston 80 83 .. 4.3 5.2 9.8
240 130 French Conn 168 178 ●.. 7.5 4.3 11.3
136 65 Freshbake 122 125 -1 2.9 2.3 20.7
392 210 Fuller Smith 'A' 348 358 -2 5.9 1.7 18.3
160 94 Gabicci 115 120 -10 4.3 3.6 13.8
150 78 Gee (Cecil) 82 87 .. 3.7 4.4 ..
47 35 Gee/Rosen 37 40 -1 2.4 6.2 11.9
97 72 Gibbon Lyons 88 93 ●.. 5.2 5.7 15.7
248 100 Gibbs Mew 242 252 -1 5.1 2.1 27.1
100 11 Gilbert House 80 85 .. ..
60 32 Global Gp 45 48 .. 3.9 8.3 7.4
186 67 Godwin Warren 87 92 .. 3.1 3.4 12.8
153 88 Goodhead Print 148 153 +1 4.3 2.8 16.9
128 85 Gould (Laurence) 110 115 .. 5.3 4.7 9.1
91 58 Granyte Surface 65 70 ●.. 3.0 4.4 11.9
167 155 Great Southern 163 168 .. 7.4 4.5 14.1
175 118 Green (Ernest) 170 180 +2 4.9 2.8 16.7
41 19 Greenwich Cable 36 39 -1 .. .. ..
135 81½ Grosvenor Sq 105 130 -7 8.6 7.3 9.4
190 160 Guernsey Atlantic 185 195 .. 3.5 1.8 55.9
108 60 Halls Homes & Gdns 106 109 .. 4.0 3.7 11.9
88 56 Hampden Homecare 80 85 .. 2.1 2.5 13.3
315 133 Harvey & Thorp 307 317 +7 8.6 2.8 20.6
286 195 Havelock Europa 260 265 .. 5.7 2.2 24.6
47 26 Health Care 45 47 .. 1.1 2.4 18.3
452 383½ Heavitree 457 467 .. 12.3 2.7 18.1
402 283½ Do 'A' LV 397 407 +4 12.3 3.1 15.8
150 143½ Henderson Pbns 140 150 .. ..
415 158 High-Point 155 165 +2 2.5 1.6 19.8
205 45 Highland Part 82 85 -1 .. .. ..
91 71 Hills Ergonom 70 75 .. 2.0 2.7 11.7
42½ 7 Hobson 40 41½ -2 .. .. ..
149 105 Hodgson 137 140 -1 3.0 2.2 23.2
188 105 Holden Hydroman 185 200 .. 4.8 2.4 24.8
158 110 Holmes Protection 120 123 ●-1 .. .. ..
35 22 Hughes Food 32½ 33½ -1 0.7 2.1 23.7
14 6½ Humbrol Elec 6½ 8 -1 0.4 5.3 7.5
189 115 Hunter Saphir 183 188 ●-3 3.6 1.9 24.3
255 180 Huntleigh Tech 177 187 ●-3 2.1 1.2 22.0
230 153 INSTEM 153 163 +3 3.6 2.3 13.6
31 11 Intec 19 22 -1 3.0 14.3 2.8
115 44 Intl Scot Energy 82 87 .. .. .. 10.2
103 66 InterMed 78 83 +1 .. .. ..
353 190 Intereurope Tech 270 290 ●+35 8.3 3.0 14.0
210 205 Interlink Express 205 208 +1 .. .. ..
32 21 Israel (Jack L) 23½ 24½ .. 0.7 2.9 18.6
443 233 JS Pathology 395 405 .. 4.0 1.0 28.8
190 116 Jaques Vert 168 173 .. 7.9 4.6 15.1
26 2 Jeeves 6 8 .. .. .. 0.2
148 103 Johnson & Jorg 115 120 ●.. 6.0 5.1 13.4
120 73 Johnstone's Paints 102 107 .. 6.1b 5.8 11.7
73 48 Jost Rubber 71 74 ●+1 2.6 3.6 12.1
339 253 KLP 265 275 +5 4.7 1.7 15.2
32 57 Kent (John) 77 80 ●-1 2.1 2.7 13.3
339 220 Kenyon Secs 320 330 .. 14.9 4.6 15.7
83 53 Kewill Systems 58 63 -2 1.7 2.8 9.0
129 48 Klark-Teknik 58 63 ●.. 1.6 2.6 15.5
113 67 LPA Ind 85 90 .. 3.9 4.4 8.7
78 37 Ladlaw 75 80 .. 4.1 5.3 9.7
125 70 Ladlaw Thomson 105 110 ●.. 5.6 5.2 13.0
51½ 32 Leisure Inv 55 60½ .. 5.1 8.5 20.3
118 81 Leamar 97 102 .. 3.6 3.6 12.3
285 7¼ Local Lon Gp 278 288 .. 5.0 1.8 31.8
98 73 Lodge Care 94 97 +1 2.8 3.0 20.0
140 95 Lon & Clydeside 112 117 .. 8.0 7.0 10.4
198 133 Lorin Elect 163 168 ●.. 3.6b 2.2 14.5
62 17 Lysander Pet 38 41 -2 .. .. ..
106 77 MS Cash & Carry 100 105 .. 5.1 5.0 ..
327 160 MMT Comp 315 323 +1 7.1 2.2 14.2
160 101 McLaughlin & Har 110 120 .. 10.0 8.7 6.6
125 45 Magnetic Materials 70 74 .. 2.7 3.8 10.1
130 54 Mainmet 115 120 ●.. 1.4 1.2 37.0
75 71 Marina Dev 78 83 .. ..
176 82 Martin (Ronald) 158 162 ●.. 4.7 2.9 21.8
26 9 Meadowpoint 15 18 .. ..
116 101 Mayfair City 110 115 .. 4.3 3.8 23.9
306 195 Meadow Farm 292 297 .. 5.4 1.8 25.8
220 14 Media Tech 115 120 ●.. 4.0 3.4 9.1
98 75 Medeware 80 83 ●.. 4.4 5.4 19.2
22 9 Memory Comp 18 20 .. .. .. 3.1
75 13 Mentom Inv Hldgs 15 20 .. 5.0 27.8 1.2
181 75 Mercer-Swan 170 175 .. 3.6 2.1 18.4
385 311 Merrydown Wine 335 365 .. 7.6 2.2 21.9
138 95 Metal Bulletin 115 125 .. 6.3 5.3 16.9
102 71 Mexec 70 75 .. 3.7 4.7 11.4
95 59 Michael (John) 68 73 .. 1.7 2.4 17.2
780 360 Microfilm 600 620 ●.. 4.3 0.7 42.1
220 95 Microleisure 125 130● .. 5.7 4.5 10.5
47 22 Microvitec 32 34 .. 1.8 5.5 14.5
432 231 Midsummer Inns 427 437 +7 3.6 0.8 32.1
185 162 Miller & Santhouse 170 175 .. 3.2 1.8 22.3
193 180 Millward Brown 157 162 .. 5.2 3.2 34.9
220 130 Miss World 175 185 .. 7.9 4.4 9.5
47 13 Mnemos .. ..
338 180 Moorgate Gp 98 103 .. 2.0 2.0 18.7
128 82 Manks & Crane 124 128 +2 3.9 3.1 15.9
158 118 Monotype 131 134 ●.. 6.3 4.7 ..
57 25 Morley (Rm) 51 54 .. 2.5 4.7 14.7
23½ 15 Morris (William) 15 15 .. .. .. 6.2
215 83 Moss Advertising 87 92 .. 3.5 3.9 10.9
182 125 Muckerlo 188 195● .. 4.3 2.2 18.6
367 230 M&W Comp 230 240 ●.. 8.6 3.7 12.8
21 6 New Ct Nat Res 11½ 13 -1 .. .. 3.3
5½ 0½ Do Wrnts .. ..
57 14 New England Props 21 24 .. .. .. 11.1
90 70 Do 10% 70 80 ●.. 0 13.3 ..
75 68 Newage Trans 68 71 .. 5.0 7.1 7.9
21 6 Nordic 9 11 .. ..
150 91 Norank 132 136 .. 4.2 3.2 17.4
180 43 Norsk 43 46 .. 1.0 2.2 5.0
181 79 Norscot Hotels 175 180 ●.. 3.6 2.0 19.5
45 14 Nth Sea & Gen 21 24 .. .. .. 4.6
75 39 Oilfield Inspec 25 30 .. 2.9e 10.4 4.2
37 18 Optometrics 18 22 .. ..
310 180 Osborne & Little 302 307 .. 4.3 1.4 28.2
41½ 23 Owners Abroad 38 40 .. 2.1 5.3 11.2
143 85 PCT 108 118 .. 4.6 4.1 12.9
255 160 Pacer Systems 170 180 .. ..
79 48 Pacific Sales 48 50 ●.. 4.3 9.0 11.5
251 126½ Pantherella 125 130 ●.. 5.3 4.1 11.7
718½ 82 Parkfield Gp 195 200 -1 .. .. ..
62 10 Paul M Lole 54 58 .. .. .. 24.7
53 17 Pavion 32 34 .. .. .. 4.1
165 80 Pape Group 157 162 .. 4.7 2.9 15.4
168 63 Peircom 152 157 .. 3.3b 2.0 77.5
43 23 Perkins (J) 32 36 .. 1.7 5.0 8.3
111 101 Personal Computer 107 112 .. 4.3 3.9 11.2
280 128 Peters (Michael) 143 148 ●.. 3.7 2.5 24.8
32 11 Petrogen 21 24 -1 .. .. ..
34 25½ Piccadilly Radio 30 32 .. 2.9 9.4 10.6
116 24 Pict Pet 31 34 .. .. .. 4.5
78 31 Pineapple 72 76 .. ..
72 25 Plasmec 85 88 -2 1.0 1.5 8.3
201 115 Platon 188 193 -4 4.6 2.4 13.9
101 98 Plum Hldgs 99 101 +1 4.3 4.3 14.8
245 65 Polytech Marine 105 115 .. ..
156 75 Powerline 93 98 ●+5 2.9 3.0 12.9
143 93 Prontaprint 103 110 -4 3.6 3.4 12.3
132 130 Quantro 128 132 .. 4.5 3.5 14.4
308 158 Questel 187 192 +4 6.3 3.3 12.8
103 90 Radamec 94 98 .. ..
43 18 Radio City 'A' 37 40 .. .. .. 7.6
59 33 Radio Clyde 55 60 .. 4.6 7.9 18.8
123 85 Radiss 105 110 .. 1.4 1.3 16.2
95 5 Ramco Oil 16 19 -1 .. .. 4.4
105 88 Ramus 85 100 ●.. 7.7 7.9 8.5
82 22 Randsworth 52 58 ●+2 0.4 0.7 ..
78 40 Real Time Control 45 50 .. 2.9 6.0 13.8
42 14 Reliant Motor 17 18½ 15.4
190 70 Rivlin 110 115 .. 0.1 0.1 ..
87 50 Rockwood 55 60 .. ..
107 83 Rolfe & Nolan 95 100 .. 2.9 3.0 42.3
98 93 Rotunda 92 97 .. 4.3 4.5 11.5
116 101 Rymax 108 111 +1 .. .. ..
151 78 SAC 149 153 ●+3 2.9 1.9 18.5
126 73 Sangers Photo 75 80 ●+2 3.2 4.1 22.5
48 10 Sapphire Pet 18 19 -2 .. .. 2.4
135 104 Savage 123 127 .. 4.3 3.4 15.9
178 95 Scanro 98 103 ●+3 5.7 5.6 8.3
195 120 Scot Heritable 145 150 .. 4.6 3.1 12.9
133 71 Securiguard 128 133 +1 3.8 3.0 24.2
28 7 SelecTV 14½ 15½ -½ .. .. ..
355 240 Shore Drug Strs 230 250 .. 3.4 1.4 21.1
98 68½ Sheldon Jones 80 85 .. 6.6 8.0 8.7
260 168 Sherwood Comp 230 240 .. 4.6 2.0 28.3
198 145 Shield 165 175 .. 2.9 1.7 28.3
101 50 Sigmex 53 58 -1 0.8 1.4 19.6
173 110 Sims Catering 120 130 .. 5.7 4.6 15.3
225 113½ Sinclair (William) 175 185 s 7.3 4.1 15.1
236 155 Smallbone 192 197 ●-13 5.1 2.6 18.2
179 95 Snowdon Bridge 175 182 .. 4.3b 2.4 21.0
42 18 Soundtracks 40 42 ●.. 1.7 4.0 12.5
188 113 Stn Bus 162 167 .. 4.3 2.6 9.5
31 11 SW Resources 13 15 .. .. .. 5.6
108 85 Space Planning 105 110 +2 2.6 2.4 20.8
70 48 Spectra Auto 65 70 .. 3.7 5.4 10.7
38 20 Spectrum 24 27 +1 .. .. 2.9
99 83 Spice 89 92 -1 4.0 4.4 13.5
71 55 Splash 55 60 .. 4.7 7.8 9.8
220 85 Stainless Metal 198 203 .. 6.0 3.0 28.7
106 71 Sterling Pub 92 95 -1 2.9b 3.0 21.2
38½ 17½ Sunleigh Elect 20 23 ●-1 0.2 0.8 33.1
93 50 Sutherland (ET) 65 70 .. 4.8 7.1 21.5
125 100 Swindon Pr Hosp 100 120 .. .. .. 33.5
265 175 Synapse Comp 260 270 +5 3.1 1.2 22.1
250 150 T & S Stores 235 245 .. 4.6 1.9 26.7
188 110 TDS Circuits 122 127 .. 2.5 2.3 5.4
124 111 TMD Advert 120 125 -2 2.9 2.4 16.2
97 90 TSB Chan Islands 85 92 +1 .. .. ..
120 108 Task Force 108 112 .. 2.5 2.3 18.2
245 95 Tay Homes 233 238 .. 7.5 3.2 11.0
145 75 Tech For Bus 80 90 -5 7.7 9.1 8.5
385 194 Tech Comp 298 308 +2 4.9 1.6 40.7
300 115 Telecomputing 150 165 .. 2.1 1.3 15.1
188 74 Tel Serv Int 76 78 ●.. 3.1 4.2 28.8
145 34 Thermax 135 140 -1 7.1 5.2 14.9
272½ 180 Therm Scientific 230 234 ●-1 3.9 1.7 21.0
233 63 Thorpac 200 210 .. 3.6 1.8 30.6
56 42 Tinsley (Eliza) 43 48 .. 4.1 9.1 8.7
153 173 Tod (W&J) 145 150 .. 4.7 3.2 10.7
205 30 Towngrade Sec 30 35 .. 1.6e 3.4 25.8
189 138 Trade Promotion 177 182 -1 6.2 3.4 16.9
509 270 Trencherwood 480 485 -5 7.6 1.6 23.3
173 60 Triton 80 84 .. 1.6 2.0 17.4
260 140 Tyne Tees 'A' 247 252 -3 19.5 7.8 6.4
78 43 Utd Ceramic 72 75 .. 5.4 7.3 12.5
555 420 Utd Friendly 550 580 +7 26.0 4.6 ..
213 33 Utd Packaging 110 115 .. 4.9 4.1 8.3
425 330 Utd Tst Credit 415 425 ●+5 20.0 4.8 ..
108 81 Usher (Frank) 92 97 ●.. 6.4 6.7 11.3
100 95 Verapton 96 98 .. 1.8 1.8 25.4
98 53 Wayne Kerr 55 63 .. 2.3 3.9 7.5
110 75 Webber Electro 105 110 ●.. 3.3 3.1 13.2
19½ 14 Welpac 18½ 17½ .. 0.4 2.4 11.6
98 68 West Yorkshire 95 100 ●.. 5.7 5.8 13.3
178 163 Whitney Mackay 185 188 ●+1 5.7 3.4 13.8
191 150 Wickes 177 182 .. 3.8 2.0 21.0
11¾ 4½ Williams Sys 10¼ 11¼ 60.0
27½ 18½ William (Rex) Hldgs 19 19½ .. 1.3 6.8 15.5
483½ 33 Wingate 342 352 ●+2 2.7 0.8 53.4
50 45 Wold 45 48 -1 1.1 2.4 41.1
88 80 Woolton Batter 82 88 -1 .. .. 3.3
264 151 Worcester 236 286 ●.. 7.9 3.0 27.5
220 145 Wid of Leather 148 153 .. 3.6 2.4 16.3
98 63 Wyko 64 68 .. 3.7 5.7 9.9
4 4 Xylyx 4 4 .. ..
158 118 Yellowhammer 141 146 +1 2.3 1.6 21.1
32 25 Yelverton 32 35 -1 .. .. ..
80 30 York Mount 63 68 +1 1.8 2.9 30.6
98 39 Yorks Tst Go 57 59 +1 .. .. ..
104½ 75 Do 8% 100 .. .. 8.00 8.0 ..
61 16 Zygal Dynamics 47 52 -1 0.7 1.4 6.9

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INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1986 High Low Company Price Bid Offer Ch'ge Gross div p Yld % P/E

127 109½ Ailsa 125 127 .. 3.6 2.8 24.8
850 730 Alliance 847 851 +1 31.8 3.7 40.6
150 124 Amer Trust 144 146 +2 4.4 3.0 40.4
404 333 Ang Amer Sec 388 392 .. 8.9 2.3 61.4
119 94 Atlantic Assets 111 113 +1 0.9 0.8 85.5
139 110 Bankers 131 134 .. 3.9b 2.9 50.0
254 194 Berry 248 252 ●+3 1.6 0.6 ..
64¾ 53½ Br Assets 62½ 63½ ●+½ 2.9 4.6 28.8
53 33 Br Empire Sec 37½ 38½ .. 0.9 2.4 88.4
473 415 Br Inv 463 468 ●.. 22.6 4.8 29.9
104 90 Brunner 102 104 .. 3.3 3.2 47.9
855 755 Contl & Ind 795 810 -7 31.4 3.9 34.8
250 178 Crescent Japan 224 228 -1 0.5 0.2 ..
157 135 Derby Inc 145 148 -2 12.8 8.7 17.5
150 125 Do Cap 146 150 -2 .. .. ..
388 318 Drayton Cons 362 365 ●+1 15.4 4.2 33.8
200 151 Drayton Far East 197 201 .. 1.6 0.8 ..
772 562 Drayton Japan 637 640 +1 1.4e 0.2 ..
214 185 Dundee Lon 212 215 +1 8.0b 3.7 38.1
117 98 Edin Amer Asset 108½ 110 +1½ 0.9 0.8 85.5
182 136 Edinburgh 156 157 ●+1½ 5.3b 3.4 45.0
420 323 Electric Gen 415 420 -1 6.4 1.5 78.0
168 146 English Intl 164 168 ●.. 5.5 3.3 46.4
103 85 English Scot 102 104 .. 2.0 1.9 62.4
80 60 Ensign 71 74 .. 1.3 1.8 68.2
122 103 F & C Alliance 121 123 +1 2.6 2.1 64.2
229 142 F & C Pacific 225 227 ●-1 2.1 0.9 87.3
13 8½ First Charlotte 12¼ 12¾ .. 0.1 0.8 ..
348 257 First Scot Amer 333 336 +3 15.0 4.5 32.1
565 480 Fleming American 552 555 +3 8.2 1.5 99.8
199 145 Fleming Claver 197 200 +1 7.4 3.7 38.3
345 303 Fleming Enterprise 312 317 .. 12.9 4.1 35.4
139 84½ Fleming Far East 138 140 ●+1 1.4 1.0 ..
140 109 Fleming Fledgling 136 139 .. 3.6 2.6 53.3
739 614 Fleming Japan 703 707 ●-1 4.9 0.7 ..
174 123 Fleming Mercantile 170 172 .. 5.5 3.2 44.2
168 133 Fleming Overseas 165 168 +1 3.9 2.3 62.7
162 140 Fleming Tech 154 158 +2 3.3 2.1 ..
152 107 Fleming Universal 148 151 +2 2.1b 1.4 73.2
103½ 88 For Col 103 104 +1½ 2.4b 2.3 69.9
109 88 GBC Capital 99 101 ●.. .. .. ..
232 118 GT Japan 214 217 +2 2.0 0.9 ..
210 138 General Funds 204 208 .. 2.8 1.4 ..
330 275 General Cons 316 320 .. 17.9b 5.6 27.9
166 115 Glasgow Stock 160 163 .. 3.4 2.1 68.1
128 97 Globe 123½ 124½ ●.. 5.3 4.3 31.9
155 127 Govett Atlantic 154 157 .. 4.3b 2.8 46.5
252 138 Govett Oriental 251 253 +1 3.3 1.3 ..
358 215 Govett Strategy 265½ 268½ ●+2 5.4 2.0 66.5
453 344 Greenfriar 440 447 .. 2.4 0.5 ..
325 215 Gresham House 290 310 ●.. 8.4 2.8 32.3
215 156 Hambros 208 210 ●.. 6.4 3.1 46.1
108 104 India Fund 105 110 .. ..
850 540 Invest in Success 838 848 +3 8.2 1.0 ..
284 244 Inv Cap 275 277 ●.. 17.1b 6.2 48.8
185 132 Ivory & Sime 153½ 158½ ●+3 7.1 4.6 21.4
63 45 Japan Assets 60½ 61½ ●.. 0.7 1.1 ..
108 91 Kleinwort Charter 105 107 .. 3.5 3.3 43.7
147 119 Kleinwort O'seas 146 148 +1 3.6 2.4 ..
305 237 Kleinwort Smaller 295 305 .. 12.0 4.0 ..
262 188 Law Debenture 259 262 .. 9.0 3.4 31.9
72 56 Lon Merchant Sec 63 65 -1 3.6 5.6 13.0
71 55 Lon Trust 56 58 .. 1.1e 1.9 62.6
128 102 Merchants 125 127 +1 6.4b 5.1 33.2
30½ 21½ Merrill Lynch 27¼ .. -¼ .. .. ..
235 181 Monks 234 236 +2 3.7b 1.6 88.7
165 128 Murray Income 163 165 +1 8.6b 5.2 30.4
180½ 137 Murray Intl 178 179 +1½ 7.1a 4.0 35.0
385 215 Murray Small 362 367 ●+2 4.0 1.1 ..
435 159 Murray Venture 217 221 s+1 7.1b 3.2 49.9
465 414 New Court 460 465 ●+3 22.5 4.9 27.3
257 49 New Darien Oil 64 66 +1 0.9e 1.4 71.4
243 158 928 240 243 +1 5.7 2.4 47.1
85 50½ Newthrog Inc 83 82½ 84 ●-½ 4.8b 7.6 17.9
271 185 New Tokyo 245 248 .. 1.1e 0.4 ..
364 278 Nth Atlantic Sec 350 355 ●.. 4.9 1.4 ..
81 20 Nth Sea Assets 24 26 .. .. .. 7.4
406 279 Nthn Amer 402 408 +2 7.7 1.9 ..
223 145 Outwich 220 223 .. 6.4 2.9 57.1
110½ 88 Pacific Assets 109 111 .. 1.0 0.9 ..
47 28 Do Wnts 46 48 .. ..
42 35 Personal Assets 38½ 41 -1 0.5 1.2 ..
440 338 Raeburn 435 440 .. 17.1 3.9 44.4
192 147 River & Merc 189 192 .. 8.6b 4.5 35.1
285 216 River Plate 282 287 .. 12.4 4.4 33.0
294 207 Robeco 283 .. -3 .. .. ..
292 181 Rolinco 280 .. -2 .. .. ..
382 267 Romney 372 377 +2 7.1 1.9 57.4
15⅛ 11½ Rorento 15⅛ .. ..
159 116 St Andrew 156 160 -1 4.6b 2.9 53.7
407 297 Scottish 400 405 +3 9.4 2.3 61.5
85 68 Scot American 83 84 +1½ 2.6b 3.1 93.8
127 89 Scot Eastern 126 127 +1½ 2.9 2.3 68.2
100 78 Scot Merc 'A' 95 98 .. ..
581 402 Scot Mtge 560 582 +1 12.6 2.2 69.5
328 245 Scot Nat 323 325 ●-2 7.6 2.3 54.4
752 570 Second Alliance 740 745 +2 26.4 3.6 35.8
94¼ 68 Secs Tst of Scotland 92 93½ -½ 4.3b 4.6 34.2
84 67 Smaller Cos 83 84½ .. 2.0 2.4 56.7
117 81 TR Australia 110 112 ●-1 3.3 3.0 33.1
122 56 TR City Of Lon Dfd 60½ 61½ +½ 3.1b 5.1 28.6
221 77½ TR Ind & Gen 108 110 s+½ 2.9b 2.6 47.4
149 100½ TR Natural Res 138 142 .. 5.8 4.2 30.3
103 89 TR North America 100 102 ●.. 2.6b 2.6 51.3
187 118 TR Pacific Basin 185 187 +½ 1.4 0.8 ..
204 46½ TR Property 69½ 71 .. 1.9 2.7 47.0
117 99 TR Tech 116 117 +½ 2.6 2.2 55.0
182 139 TR Trustees 180 183 .. 6.0 3.3 40.4
169 135 Temple Bar 162 164 -1 8.1b 5.0 28.5
309 237 Throgmorton 305 308 .. 11.9b 3.9 36.7
300 275 Throg Secured Cap 285 295 .. ..
228 157½ Trans Oceanic 222 225 .. 5.5 2.5 56.1
157 112 Tribune 154 157 .. 4.9 2.6 44.7
85 79 Triplevest Inc 84½ 86 ●.. 17.1 20.0 7.7
303 217 US Debenture 295 300 .. 9.3 3.1 59.7
51 35 Value Inc Tst 38 40 ●.. 1.8b 4.6 ..
62 33 Viking Resources 40 41 ●.. 2.9 7.2 20.0
74 53 Westpool 60 62 ●.. 2.3 3.8 30.0
113½ 80½ Witan 112½ 113½ +1 2.6b 2.3 64.2

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

47 34½ American Express 104 .. +½ .. .. ..
85 42 Argyle 79 82 +1 1.4 1.7 43.3
38 21 Boustead 23 26 -2 .. .. 67.6
154 120 Britannia Arrow 144 145 ●+½ 6.0b 4.2 16.9
24 15½ Daily Mail 20 20½ .. 70.0 3.5 14.3
20½ 15¼ Do 'A' 18 18½ .. 70.0 3.8 12.9
158½ 137 Electra 156 158 -1 5.9 3.8 36.3
179 95 Eng Trust 177 180 .. 4.3 2.4 19.8
278 187 Exco 264 268 -1 7.1 2.7 17.1
113 65 Exploration 108 113 ●.. 3.3 3.0 14.6
773 375 Framlington 760 775 .. 12.9 1.7 30.1
118 81 Frost Gp 112 117 ●-3 7.1 6.2 12.4
223 183 GT Management 197 202 ●.. 4.3 2.2 15.1
7⅞ 75 Goode (D & M) 182 187 +2 2.5 1.4 51.8
101¼ 490 Henderson Admin 10 10¼ ●.. 22.1 2.2 19.9
218 153 ICH 202 205 .. 12.9 6.3 9.0
448 330 MAI 442 445 +1 25.0 5.6 9.4
305 190 M & G 270 275 +2 6.1 2.2 33.2
362 252 Mercantile House 330 333 -1 20.0 6.0 6.3
135 86 Pacific Inv Tst 134 136 +3 0.5 0.4 ..
39 19 Do Warrants 37½ 38 .. ..
205 152 Smith New Court 161 164 .. 10.0 6.1 8.0

COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE
G W Joynson and Co report

COCOA
Dec 1395-94
Mar 1439-38
May 1464-63
Jul 1486-84
Sep 1508-06
Dec 1535-34
Mar 1565-60
Vol 3451

COFFEE
Jan 1980-977
Mar 1890-885
May 1905-900
Jul 1930-925
Sep 1950-940
Nov 1970-950
Jan 1980-940
Vol 3919

SOYABEAN
Dec 133.0-31.0
Feb 132.5-32.0
Apr 132.5-32.3
Jun 129.4-29.1
Aug 128.3-28.0
Oct 130.0-29.5
Dec 132.8-31.0
Vol 77

INTERNATIONAL PETROLEUM EXCHANGE
Supplied via Commodity Market Services Ltd

HEAVY FUEL OIL
Dec 77.00-79.0
Jan 78.5
Feb 79.00-82.0
Mar 77.00-80.0
Vol 4

GAS OIL
Dec 122.75-22.50
Jan 127.25-27.00
Feb 130.50-30.25
Mar 128.00-27.75
Apr 124.75-24.25
May 122.75-22.25
Jun 122.00-21.00
Jul 125.00-15.00
Aug 125.00-15.00
Vol 1988

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
Unofficial prices
Official Turnover figures
Price in £ per metric tonne
Silver in pence per troy ounce
Rudolf Wolf & Co. Ltd. report

COPPER GRADE A
Cash 924.50-925.50
Three Months 949.50-950.00
Vol 6250
Tone Steady

STANDARD CATHODES
Cash 898.00-900.00
Three Months 928.00-929.00
Vol 50
Tone Quiet

LEAD
Cash 350.00-352.00
Three Months 326.00-327.00
Vol 2500
Tone Steadier

ZINC STANDARD
Cash 490.00-500.00
Vol Nil
Tone Idle

ZINC HIGH GRADE
Cash 532.00-533.00
Three Months 531.00-532.00
Vol 1550
Tone Steady

SILVER LARGE
Cash 374.50-375.50
Three Months 385.00-386.00
Vol Nil
Tone Quiet

SILVER SMALL
Cash 374.50-375.50
Three Months 385.50-386.00
Vol Nil
Tone Idle

ALUMINIUM
Cash 779.00-780.00
Three Months 796.00-796.50
Vol 1750
Tone Steady

NICKEL
Cash 2540-2550
Three Months 2585-2590
Vol 132
Tone Quiet

MEAT AND LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on December 2
GB: Cattle, 93.32p per kg lw (+1.26)
GB: Sheep 196.68p per kg* (+19.34)
GB: Pigs, 74.70p per kg lw (-0.54)
* est. dead carcase weight
England and Wales:
Cattle nos. up 14.2 %, ave. price, 92.18p(+1.85)
Sheep nos. down 9.3 %, ave. price, 197.00p(+18.33)
Pig nos. up 11.2 %, ave. price, 74.27p(-0.54)
Scotland:
Cattle nos. up 18.8 %, ave. price, 96.17p(-0.39)
Sheep nos. down 9.6 %, ave. price, 195.58p(+22.80)
Pigs nos. up 21.2 %, ave. price, 77.43p(-0.73)

LONDON MEAT FUTURES EXCHANGE
Live Pig Contract p. per kilo

Month	Open	Close
Feb	95.8	96.0
Apr	95.5	95.5
Jun	Unq'ted	96.0
Aug	Unq'ted	96.0

Vol: 8
Pig Meat vol: 0

LONDON MEAT FUTURES EXCHANGE
Live Cattle Contract p. per kilo

Month	Open	Close
Feb	99.0	99.0
Apr	100.0	100.0
Jun	Unq'ted	98.0

Vol: 10

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES
£ per tonne

Month	Wheat Close	Barley Close
Jan	110.95	112.60
Mar	113.90	114.70
May	116.00	115.90
Jul	117.90	—
Sep	101.35	100.75
Nov	103.70	103.25

Volume:
Wheat 246
Barley 152

LONDON POTATO FUTURES
£ per tonne

Month	Open	Close
Feb	111.0	111.0
Apr	159.0	160.0
May	178.0	179.0
Nov	98.0	89.0
Feb	101.0	98.3

Vol: 710

BIFFEX
G.N.I. Freight Futures Ltd report $10 per index point freight index

	High/Low	Close
Jan 87	686.0-675.0	675.0
Apr 87	711.0-701.0	701.0
Jul 87	613.0-610.0	610.0
Oct 87	710.0-710.0	710.0
Jan 88	—	707.5
Apr 88	—	775.0
Jul 88	676.0-660.0	660.0
Oct 88	—	800.0

Vol: 3 lots
Open interest: 1916

TANKER REPORT

	High/Low	Close
Dec 86	—	880.0

Vol: 0 lots
Open interest n/a
Spot market commentary:
Tanker index: 943.5 down 2.0 on 1/12/86
Dry cargo index: 730.5 down 5.5 on 1/12/86

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Equities rally

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began on November 24. Dealings end Friday. §Contango day next Monday. Settlement day December 15.
§Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

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Portfolio —Gold—

From your portfolio card check your eight share price movements, on this page only. Add them up to give you your overall total and check this against the daily dividend figure. If it matches, you have won outright or a share of the total daily prize money stated. If you are a winner follow the claim procedure on the back of your card. You must always have your card available when claiming.

No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Plessey	Electricals	
2	Farnell Elect	Electricals	
3	Wettern Bros	Building,Roads	
4	Accord	Newspapers,Pub	
5	Dubilier	Electricals	
6	Barclays	Banks,Discount	
7	Ultramar	Oil	
8	Amstrad	Electricals	
9	Tate & Lyle	Foods	
10	Joseph (Leopold)	Banks,Discount	
11	Storehouse	Drapery,Stores	
12	Cater Allen	Banks,Discount	
13	Dixons Grp	Drapery,Stores	
14	Next	Drapery,Stores	
15	Jarvis (J) & Sons	Building,Roads	
16	Jaguar	Motors,Aircraft	
17	BTP	Chemicals,Plas	
18	Nat West	Banks,Discount	
19	Vaux	Breweries	
20	Peerless	Industrials L-R	
21	Hunter Saphir	Foods	
22	Racal Elect	Electricals	
23	Lloyds	Banks,Discount	
24	Burtonwood Brew	Breweries	
25	Br Aerospace	Motors,Aircraft	
26	Allied-Lyons	Breweries	
27	Meyer Int	Building,Roads	
28	Schroders	Banks,Discount	
29	Anchor Chemical	Chemicals,Plas	
30	Utd Scientific	Electricals	
31	Bluebird Conf	Foods	
32	BPB Industries	Building Roads	
33	Ashley (Laura)	Drapery,Stores	
34	Baggeridge Brick	Building,Roads	
35	Scholes (GH)	Electricals	
36	Barratt Devs	Building,Roads	
37	Young 'A'	Breweries	
38	McInerney	Property	
39	Hardys & Hansons	Breweries	
40	Nichols (JN) (Vimto)	Foods	
41	Coats Viyella	Drapery,Stores	
42	Alumasc	Industrials A-D	
43	Bristol	Newspapers,Pub	
44	SA Breweries	Breweries	
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Please take account of any minus signs

Weekly Dividend

Please make a note of your daily totals for the weekly dividend of £8,000 in Saturday's newspaper.

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

Portfolio —Gold—

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DAILY DIVIDEND
£4,000
Claims required for
+43 points
Claimants should ring 0254-53272

BRITISH FUNDS

1986 High	Low	Stock	Price	Ch'ge	Int. only yld%	Gross Red. yld%
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SHORTS (Under Five Years)

FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS

OVER FIFTEEN YEARS

UNDATED

INDEX-LINKED

BANKS DISCOUNT HP

1986 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
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BREWERIES

[illegible]	

BUILDINGS AND ROADS

[illegible]	

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

[illegible]	

CINEMAS AND TV

[illegible]	

DRAPERY AND STORES

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ELECTRICALS

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FINANCE AND LAND

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FOODS

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HOTELS AND CATERERS

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INDUSTRIALS A - D

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E - K

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L - R

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INSURANCE

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LEISURE

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MINING

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MOTORS AND AIRCRAFT

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NEWSPAPERS AND PUBLISHERS

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OIL

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OVERSEAS TRADERS

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PAPER, PRINTING, ADVERT'G

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PROPERTY

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SHIPPING

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SHOES AND LEATHER

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COMMISSION FOR THE NEW TOWNS

FOCUS

A SPECIAL REPORT

By Michael Hatfield

The property sale of the century

During the past seven years, the past five particularly, the Government has been undertaking one of the most important aspects of its privatization policy without the publicity hype of the British Telecom or British Gas flotations — the sale of new town assets.

In the seven years the Commission for the New Towns has sold about £500 million of assets. In the next eight years plans are in hand to realize commercial and industrial assets worth another £1 billion.

The commission initially had responsibility for the four original new towns — Crawley, Hemel Hempstead, Hatfield and Welwyn Garden City. It now has 13 of the 19 new towns under its wing and has responsibility for selling its assets and working itself out of a job.

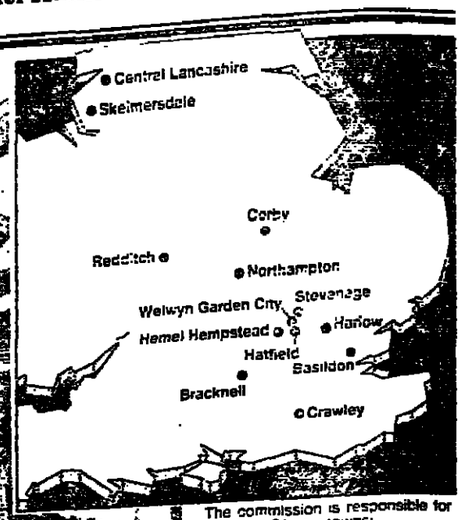
After a mighty shake-up of its organization in 1982 because of the slow progress it was making — Michael Heseltine, then Environment Secretary, named a new chairman with a stronger remit — the commission claims, justifiably, that it has become a success. The commission can show it has exceeded its annual targets, that there is less criticism from politicians armed with constituents' complaints about delays, and that well over half the assets of the eight London ring towns have been disposed of — though, of course, there are still problems, particularly with the two new towns in the north-west.

Mr Heseltine's new chairman was Sir Neil Shields, a leading Conservative Party worthy, who served on Hampstead borough council for 20 years. The chief executive was a no-nonsense northerner, David Woodall, a planner with local government experience, being deputy chief executive of Northamptonshire county council before joining the commission.

They inherited a heavily bureaucratic organization, where initial inquiries for acquiring property could lie in folders for months, and where even tenants of property were not even fully informed that they had the first option to buy if they wanted.

This has now been changed.

Millions of pounds' worth to sell: Sir Neil Shields, chairman of the commission that is disposing of new town assets



The commission is responsible for 13 of the 21 new towns:

	Takeover date
Basildon	Apr 1986
Bracknell	1982
Central Lancs	Jan 1986
Corby	1980
Crawley	1962
Harlow	1980
Hatfield	1966
Hemel Hempstead	1962
Northampton	1985
Redditch	1985
Skelmersdale	1985
Stevenage	1980
Welwyn Gdn City	1988

Seventy per cent of assets sold have been bought by tenants, deadlines have been imposed on settlements once contracts have been agreed, and there is less of the property dealers' weakness of the fun of the chase — holding back on an asset in the belief that its value will increase. This is not to say that all the assets are available for sale immediately, an impossibility in a town such as Skelmersdale, which has acres of out-moded factory space to attract clients and is applying next year for a £15 million grant from the EEC Economic and Social Fund for structural changes, or an economic madness in the south-east, where wholesale disposal of assets would create havoc in the property market.

One of the instructions to the commission was to take care of the market to absorb the sales so that best value could be realized and also to ensure that ownership was as widespread as possible so that there was no dominant landlord.

When the new broom began to sweep, the commission had the original four towns, plus Stevenage, Harlow, Bracknell and Corby — the latter almost dying on its feet through the closure of its steel production works before being given emergency status to turn round the local economy.

Sir Neil told Mr Heseltine he calculated that most of the assets of the eight towns could be realized over five to six years, but since then the commission has taken over the responsibility for the realization of the assets of Northampton, Redditch, Skelmersdale, Central Lancashire and Basildon.

There are others in the pipeline — Milton Keynes, Peterborough, Telford and Warrington/Runcorn. No firm dates have been given, as they are all still growing and continuing to be the responsibility of their development corporations. In addition, the Environment Department has granted extensions to the three north-east new towns — Aycliffe, Peterlee and Washington — and a decision has yet to be made on the hand-over of their remaining assets to the commission.

When the commission takes over the responsibility, housing assets are transferred back to either the local council, housing associations, or individual tenants, depending on local conditions.

The overall policy is to give existing tenants first option. One of the changes which have been brought in is that, whereas tenants almost had a gun pointed at their heads by being given about two weeks to make up their minds, the attitude now is that they should have a maximum of three months. If they turn down the option, the commission will seek other buyers such as property investors or financial institutions.

There have been allegations that some tenants have made unacceptable profit by selling on their properties, but Sir Neil replies: "Every sale has to be defensible. Nobody should make a killing in six or nine months and if they do there is a clawback clause. In the longer term, though, circumstances and values grow."

Himself a management consultant, and therefore an outsider to the property world, Sir Neil has found it a tough industry. "I quickly realized that it is essential to be as tough as the rest. I have tried to instil a hard-nosed commercial attitude into the commission," he said.

While critics of privatization argue that more money could have been earned if the Government had retained sites and developed them itself, Sir Neil says: "The New Towns and Urban Development Corporations Act presupposes that there is no need for a public role. Our sole remit is to sell properties as soon as possible, but at a proper price."

Sales to June topped £100m

This year the commission announced that agreed sales of commercial and industrial property and land in the year up to June had topped £100 million, almost double the previous year's figure, and £33 million above target.

Top of the league table in sales was Bracknell, Berkshire, with sales worth £26.5 million, second was Hemel Hemstead with just over £19,250,000. But such league tables invite unfair comparisons when towns such as Skelmersdale, which realized assets of only £491,418, live in a cold economic climate — unemployment is 25 per cent.

Sir Neil says the new towns were created to found a new environment. He says: "They have achieved this in the sense that every one of the south-east towns has less than the regional average unemployment level. Of course, some, like Skelmersdale, have not managed this. That has been a hard nut to crack."

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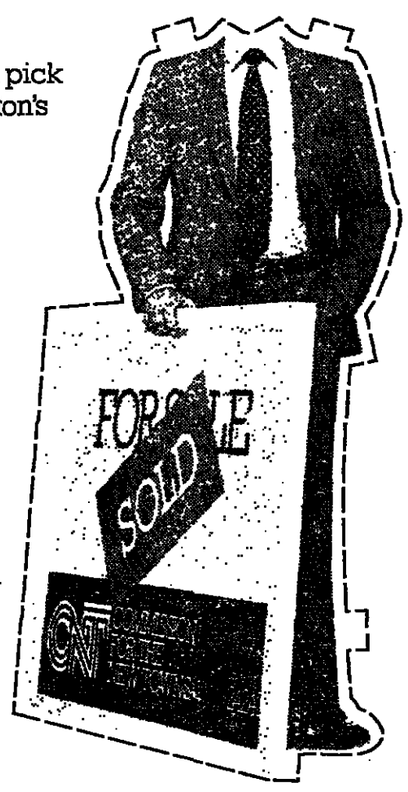

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Tale of two towns with a lot to offer

One day last week more than 100 businessmen from the north-west met in Bolton to hear the tale of two new towns: Skelmersdale and Central Lancashire.

Both places, having known better times, were embarking on a venture to encourage investment in their communities by buying or leasing commercial and industrial assets owned by the Commission for the New Towns.

It is a tough operation in a region suffering the sharp end of the economic depression. Skelmersdale, with unemployment running at 25 per cent, is the hardest nut to crack. The rate in Central Lancashire is 11.7 per cent.

The fading dreams of Skelmersdale, between Liverpool and Manchester, are best illustrated *on a map in the* boardroom of the commission's local office.

Designated in 1961 with the intention that it would provide both housing and employment for people from the congested areas of north Merseyside, its original planned population was 80,000. This was then reduced to 60,000 and later still to 40,000.

Today the commission is charged with disposing of some 150 acres of undeveloped residential land and 130 acres of industrial sites, but its first task has been to try and bring confidence back to the town by creating a better environment and regenerating the local economy.

Its main shopping centre is being given a £1 million facelift and a further £500,000 is being spent on two neighbouring centres.

John Leigh, the commission's executive officer for the town, said: "We have to make the people feel better and that Skelmersdale is a good place to live. The commission feels it has a social responsibility to the town as well as the job of disposing of our property."

Mr Leigh detects improvements. He is gratified that the regional National Farmers' Union is to locate its headquarters in the town, a fact which will not greatly enhance employment prospects, but which could be seen as a symbol that there is confidence in the future.

Skelmersdale's problem was that it was geared to be a manufacturing town but this never happened because of the recession. "Let's face it," says Mr Leigh, "the development corporation put all its eggs in the manufacturing basket and the handle fell off."

The commission's role has been to switch the emphasis away from manufacturing towards high tech and the service industries, not easy when the speculative advance factories built by the corporation were geared to manufacturing.

> **"All the eggs were put into the manufacturing basket — and the handle fell off"**

The units that were built are far too big to attract service-oriented companies and developers, which is why Skelmersdale is seeking a £15 million grant from the EEC Economic and Social Fund so that the units can be cut down to more manageable and saleable sizes.

Though there is only about 30 miles between Skelmersdale and Central Lancashire — its boundaries cover 50 square miles and encompass Preston, Chorley and Leyland — there is no clash between them in seeking clients for commercial and industrial property and land.

"We are not fishing in the same pool," says Brian Birtwistle, the commission's executive officer for Central Lancashire. "We have different opportunities to offer." Though, like its near neighbour, it is not easy.

Both suffer from the national syndrome that 75 per cent of companies which wish to expand or relocate themselves look within a radius of only 42 miles and that 50 per cent are reluctant to go beyond a 12-mile limit.

In a depressed area like the north-west, getting companies or developers to move up from the south has to be *considered as a bonus.*

Central Lancashire came within the commission's ambit only this year. Its first task was to dispose of 5,500 houses which went to housing associations, with the agreement of the local council, for about £90 million.

With industrial and commercial assets to be disposed *of worth about £50 million the* commission, taking over from where the development corporation left off, is spending £17 million on an infrastructure programme, such as building new roads to open up its 250 acres of land set aside for industrial development and 400 acres for residential development.

The commission has also inherited industrial estates on which there is advance building waiting to be let or sold, the largest a 50-acre site formerly owned by Courtaulds which closed its factory and was redeveloped by the development corporation. Its occupants range from multinational companies to one-man bands.

It is a town which has had to live with redundancies, not only those from Courtaulds, but also British Leyland where, last week, a further 1,000 were made jobless.

But at the same time the commission is developing areas. Last month it announced plans to redevelop the former British Leyland North Works at a cost of around £5 million, the plan involving almost 90 houses and bungalows for sale, together with a commercial office block.

Brian Birtwistle says: "We see our function as not only creating jobs by attracting further investment to the town, but also preserving those that we have already There is no shortage of skilled labour and we are attracting interest from both manufacturing and service industries, from light engineering and chemicals to distribution companies."

Back at Skelmersdale, which was transferred to the commission in 1985, there are already some 170 companies established in its main industrial areas occupying more than 200 factory units.

In its attempts to boost morale, the commission, together with the local council, has brought together 200 local businessmen to form a Chamber of Commerce — remarkably this was never encouraged by the development corporation — so that common problems can be discussed and there can be a united thrust to regenerate the town.

It is going to be a longer haul than that of Central Lancashire for the commission, but backed with 15 per cent grants for capital expenditure on new buildings or works, and towards the capital cost of new machinery, Mr Leigh, like his seniors in London, believes the economy can be turned round and assets realized.

Finding jobs at Skelmersdale presented problems, but further south, "selling" Harlow (top) was easier

The crisis at Corby

When the Commission for the New Towns inherited its second tranche of new towns from the development corporations in 1980 it found itself with a potentially disastrous employment crisis on its hands — Corby, the steel town that no longer was.

The closure of the British Steel metal production works — the town was built round steel — threatened local unemployment of 30 per cent.

The commission had an *emergency on its hands. Its* role for the town was changed. No longer was it a remit to realize its assets, but to cooperate with the local council to rescue the close-knit steel-making community from disaster. The task was to bring in new jobs, new industries, even a new life into the town.

Six years after the crisis, Corby boasts the creation of more than 5,000 new jobs (though some were to disappear) with some 250 new firms coming into the area. About 400 acres of land was set aside for industrial and commercial development, 175 acres of which have already been sold, an indication of the remarkable turn-around.

While no one pretends that Corby is out of the woods — unemployment is still running at 17 per cent — there is a greater confidence in the town than there was even three years ago.

To overcome the initial crisis, an alliance was created between the local and county councils, the departments of Trade, Industry and the Environment and the commission, who formed themselves into an Industrial Development Committee.

The town was immediately designated a development area, with all that this implied in the way of government grants, Euro-loans, and other financial incentives to attract new industries and industrialists. Later it was made the first Enterprise Zone, again allowing it to offer more financial inducements.

Sir Neil Shields, the commission's chairman, expresses particular pleasure at what has been achieved in *Corby, but it has not* been easy: "In five years I have seen the tragedy of the people in the

Bottom fell out of the market

commission working flat out to attract 5,000 jobs only to lose 2,500," he says.

The case of Commodore, the home computer manufacturers, is a classic example. They took a 200,000 sq ft factory in the enterprise zone only to see the bottom drop out *of the home computer market.* "How could we tell?" asks Sir Neil. "You have to welcome employers."

But while steel tube-making continues at Corby, the town has diversified its interests. The potato and other crops from the surrounding agricultural land help to sustain, and attract, the food manufac*turing and processing* industries.

There are companies involved in engineering, electronics, packaging, clothing cosmetics and printing. In total there has been well-over £560 million of investment in the town.

But the commission has not been short of more recent problems. It had the idea of selling off its shopping centre, not as a job lot but in four or five parcels, which it valued at some £25 million, but the local council upset the plans by selling off a large development area it owned — ironically the site of the old steel works — to ASDA to build a superstore.

As a shopping attraction it was an inevitable rival for custom. Now the commission is planning to refurbish parts *of the town* centre before selling its assets.

The commission will give first choice to sitting tenants, encouraging them to form consortia to buy blocks.

Graham Lloyd, the commission's executive officer, in explaining the advantages of Corby in attracting new industries, apart from the financial services, points out that it is a central location in the heart of England, making it a natural "warehouse" for distribution companies. Oxford University Press, as an *instance, has established its* national distribution centre in the town.

Mr Lloyd says that the commission, having realized about 2 million sq ft of industrial commercial space, has a further 2 million still to dispose of, but is confident that the assets will be realized.

"There has been a continuing demand for industrial sites for owner-occupation", he says. "It is an indication that Corby has overcome its crisis and that there is confidence in the town, not only in industrial and commercial development but also in the growth in demand for private housing and land."

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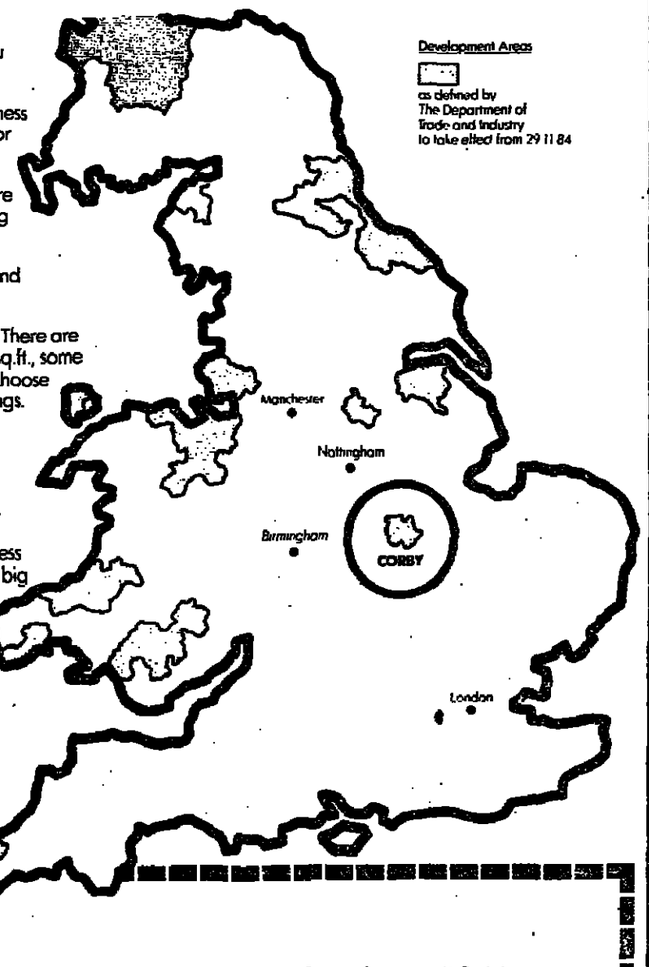

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A new ring of confidence around London's eight new towns

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While the M25 orbital motorway has brought a ring of confidence for the future development of London's eight new towns, it has proved a bonus for the Commission for the New Towns in realizing its industrial and commercial assets.

With so many potential clients knocking on the commission's door in the prosperous south-east it might appear to be an easy task to carry out its remit, but it is not as simple as it seems.

"Imagine what would have happened to property values if all the assets were available at the same time", says David Woodall, the chief executive. "The market would slump and the taxpayer would not be getting value."

Which is not to say that the commission has not been aggressive in its marketing; only phasing in property when the time is thought ripe. To have done otherwise would only have over-heated the local economies, creating in itself problems when one of the functions of realizing assets is to hand back to the local council and the community a stable environment.

Each of the eight towns has had its own problems which have had to be fitted into a strategy.

Harlow, for instance, has not been a runaway success in the

No inquiries are turned away

disposal of assets, as has some of its orbital counterparts, but that is not because its amenities are less favourable than others.

While the commission has not turned away inquiries — in the last accounting year 1985-86 agreed sales were worth £7,197,250 — Mr Woodall agreed that they were not exactly aggressively marketing the town in the knowledge that it would become an even more attractive proposition with the M25 completion and the development of Stanstead Airport.

Basildon, which came under the commission's umbrella in April, has been a late developer, but with the completion of the ring road — seen by developers as bringing "eastern promise" — it is felt that it has already made considerable advances from a low base.

Howard Thomas, the commission's head of estates, says: "So far there has not been a lot of sales in Basildon. It has been a late developer compared with the other towns in the London ring and has always been the weakest location, partly because it is in the east and partly because of its earlier reputation."

The first task when the town was designated was to tidy up the wasteland. With a shopping centre totalling some 60 acres and including 500 tenancies and sub-tenancies, and the recent opening of the second phase of the Eastgate shopping centre, financed by Norwich Union, the town is now established as the region's principle shopping centre.

In attracting interest, the commission recognizes that international companies may want to be nearer airports such as Heathrow and Gatwick and may go to new towns like Hemel Hempstead or Crawley, but it is also seeing that interest is being shown in high-tech for Harlow and Basildon.

Hemel Hempstead, in turn, is reaping the benefits of pension funds which are as willing as ever to invest in high-tech. The town enjoys the enviable location of being a mile from the M1, three miles from the M25, 26 miles from Heathrow and nine miles from Luton airport.

Realizing its assets has rarely been a problem, though there may have been difficulties with some of its properties which, like others throughout the country, were constructed with high alumina cement and are now deteriorating.

David Woodhall, the new towns' chief executive

The commission is winding down its operation in Hemel Hempstead and making more land available as well as selling off assets with first refusal, as elsewhere, going to existing tenants.

Hatfield, to the north, still has an estimated one-fifth of its industrial and commercial assets and land to be realized. It has resolved problems that bedevilled the last remaining development site, but it has encountered one difficulty which illustrates how strategy can sometimes be upset by local factors.

Welwyn Hatfield district council announced plans to develop a scheme at Hatfield which included a hotel, ice rink, offices, garden centre, residential units and a shopping centre based on leisure goods. Ostensibly, an admirable project, but the commission objected because of the potential impact on its own interests on another of its towns, Welwyn Garden City.

The recent outcome of an inquiry found in favour of the district council, highlighting a general problem faced by the commission: when it takes over the role of a development corporation, the planning rights fall within the responsibility of the local authority, not with the commission.

It is a policy which has given rise to a few difficulties in the past, but has since been rectified with other new towns falling within its remit. When it took over responsibility for disposing of the commercial and industrial assets of Bracknell and Central Lancashire this year, the commission retained some of the planning rights.

Welwyn Garden City, seen by many as the home of the new town movement, has a project for redeveloping the local railway station, including a shopping centre, which is now in jeopardy. The commission needs to consider the prospects of finding any other significant retail scheme in Welwyn Garden City. Certainly it is going to be more difficult.

There is also a long-term need for redevelopment of the

Rent reviews helped assets

pre-war parts of the town's industrial area. While proposals are under consideration, it is expected that it will be sometime before a start can be made. But the commission says that existing pre-war factories continue to be let on a short-term basis.

Stevenage, further up the A1, has had to suffer closures by companies such as Kodak, Bowaters and British Visqueen in recent years, producing a higher unemployment ratio than most of its orbital new town counterparts. Some of the vacated sites have been converted by new owners into smaller units, other still remain to be realized and developed.

But a major round of rent reviews has meant that the capital value of several town centre blocks have been maximized and should be capable of realization during the next year.

While the commission reports satisfactory progress in realizing assets in Stevenage there is buried within its 1985 review an example of how it sometimes has to deal with local authorities in attracting clients.

Sainsbury's put up a scheme to develop an area for a superstore and filling station, and the commission, delighted with the proposition, sought the local council's planning permission.

No objections were raised, provided that the developers also included a community centre, a play centre, a doctor's surgery, a public house and sheltered accommodation.

The scheme is to go ahead, with everyone benefitting, the commission realizing a valuable asset, Sainsbury's acquiring a prime site, and the community getting additional

Greater demand for warehouses

facilities at little or no cost to itself.

Crawley, whose industrial base is the work generated by nearby Gatwick Airport, also has the added bonus of access to the M25. A major redevelopment of the town centre is taking place and more development land is to be released on to the market.

The commission says it is anticipating even greater demand for its own warehouse development, the Gatwick Distribution Centre, as the airport continues to expand.

Bracknell, to the west, sits in the "Golden Triangle", close to Heathrow, the M4 and now the London orbital motorway. With a population — now more than 50,000 — 10 times what it was when first designated a new town, it supports new industries involved in electronics, chemicals, engineering, computers and food processing.

With a highly-skilled labour force, the commission finds little difficulty in realizing assets when it sees fit to release them on to the market. Apart from speculative private enterprise development, much of the considerable building taking place in the town involves the redevelopment of premises sold by the commission.

Ros Drinkwater

Guiding light: James Grafton, director of promotions for the Commission for New Towns

The drive to push north

When the new towns of the Midlands and the north of England became the responsibilty of the Commission for the New Towns, the commission changed its strategy. As an organization, it became unique, with a breadth of assets and experience way beyond that of any private property company.

But how to weld that into a whole? How best to promote the benefits and attractions of the towns north of Watford as well as those in the warmer economic climate of the south?

One of the first decisions was to create a national property centre at Metro House, in London's West End, which has become the heart of the commission's promotional strategy. It also gave the centre a budget — nearly £1 million — to project Skelmersdale as much as Stevenage, Redditch as well as Crawley.

The job is not easy. James Grafton, director of promotions, says: "North of Watford we have to organize how best to attract clients to what we have to offer, whereas around London we have to organize the queues of buyers."

Potential investors, as well as those considering relocation or expansion or about to start a business, are able to gain rapid access to the commission's assets through information stored on computer and, under the advice and guidance of the staff, to select suitable land or premises to visit.

The major obstacle in promoting the more hard-pressed northern and Midlands towns is that 75 per cent of companies move within a radius of only 42 miles when they want to expand, or relocate, and that 50 per cent want to move only 12 miles.

But the commission property centre can count successes because it is a national focus of the commercial and industrial assets it has available for disposal up and down the country.

These assets range from office space from 300 sq ft to more than 50,000 sq ft and land from one-quarter of an acre to more than 200 acres. Sales range from £20,000 to what the market will take.

The commission's operational activities can be roughly divided thus: when it is involved in leasehold it operates as its own agent through the national and town offices; when it is involved in selling assets it brings in private sector agents to conduct the transactions.

Each town has its own office working in conjunction with the local council through a liaison committee. David Woodhall, the commission's chief executive, explained: "Our role is to disengage ourselves from the towns by handing assets back to the community through their democratically-elected bodies."

The commission has a unique portfolio of properties and, through its London bureau, plans to attract national and international companies seeking to locate or relocate.

Sir Neil Shields, the commission's chairman, says: "The bureau also plays an important role in establishing and sustaining institutional interests in the commission's towns. Institutions in the past have been a little blinkered in their attitude to investment in the new towns and this we intend to change."

West Midlands: attractive office space (top) is available at Ipsley Court, Redditch. Below: Sir Gordon Roberts, CNT board representative for Redditch (and Basildon) discusses computers with Boon Yeng, one of the early tenants at the Rubicon Centre, Redditch

When space gets tight, the Midlands has room

What do you do when your company is successful, needs to expand, but you have run out of space? The answer: head for a new town. Which is why, last week, a Birmingham shopfitting company took its employees on a familiarization tour of nearby Redditch.

Tony Ham, vice chairman of AMS Group Ltd, which includes many household retailing companies among its customers, said: "We hope to take our entire work force with us from the King's Heath area when we move and with a continued growth of the group we expect to recruit more people in time."

The group's decision is the latest example of growing interest in Redditch as the Commission for the New Towns sets about realizing its industrial and commercial assets.

Redditch, like Northampton, and Skelmersdale in the north-west, was transferred to the commission about 18 months ago along with an unusually high number of residential ground-leased properties.

Its first priority was to launch a major programme to provide information and encouragement to leaseholders to buy. The market demand for new housing development sites remains strong and the commission has been able to sell several serviced sites.

There was also a lot of vacant factory space, of which the commission was able to dispose of one-third within six months.

The commission believes that the town's attraction as in industrial and commercial location will be enhanced with the opening of the M42 extension. But getting people to move to the new town takes time.

Tony Ham said: "We looked round the region for nearly 18 months before we found a suitable new location. We decided on Redditch because of the availability of ideal premises and its close proximity to the national motorway network."

Northampton, by tradition, has been a prosperous commercial and industrial centre and the commission's portfolio includes both industrial development land and vacant industrial premises. It also inherited a large amount of agricultural land which was considered surplus to requirements for expansion.

Sited on the M1, almost halfway between London and Birmingham, Northampton was designated a new town with the directive of providing homes and jobs for Londoners.

Between the time of designation in 1968 and 1981 some 15,600 homes had been built. The town's industrial sites cater for a wide range of companies and a big programme of office development has also enabled some major companies to relocate or expand activities.

One of the latest moves by the commission has been to apply to the Northampton borough council for planning permission for major new leisure and entertainment facilities. The proposals envisage a lake and marina with possibly a link for boats on to the river Nene, tennis courts an indoor cricket stadium, ice rink, multi-cinema and motel.

David Woodhall, the commission's chief executive, believes the proposals, which could create up to 1,000 extra jobs, would "enhance Northampton's retail status by complimenting existing traders, and provide a wide range of leisure facilities which could extend into a major tourist attraction."

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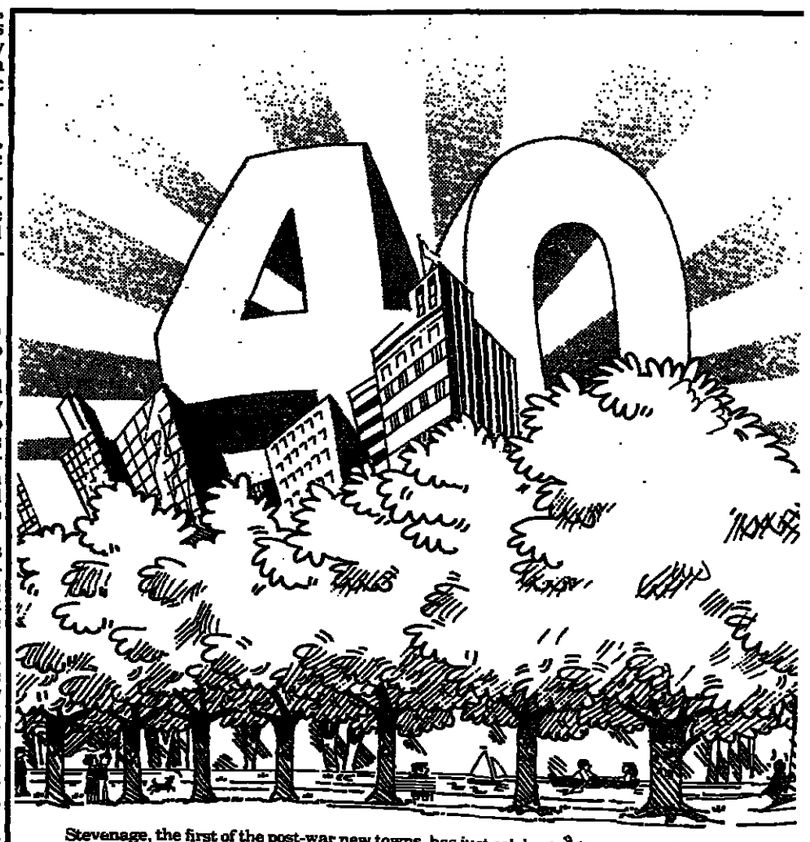

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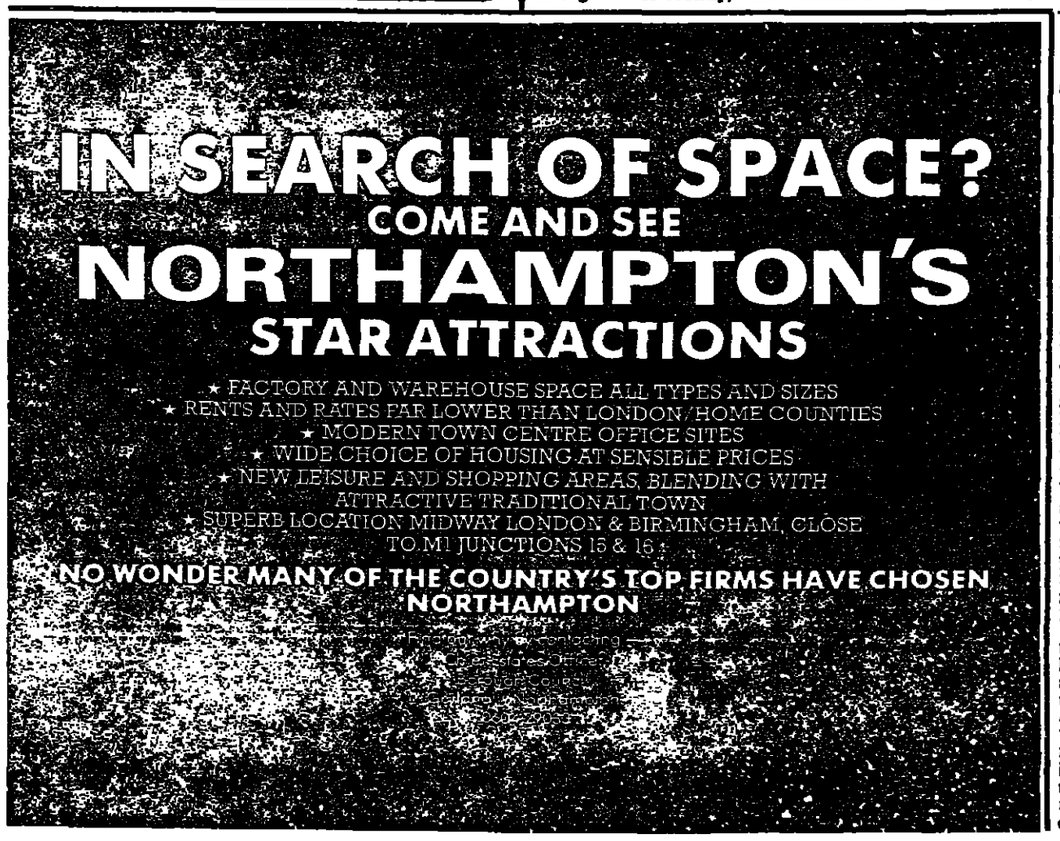

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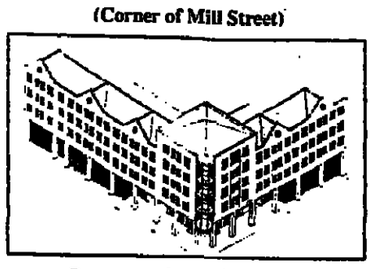

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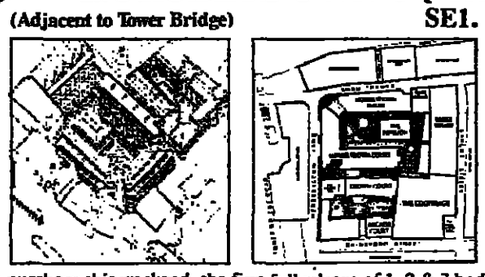

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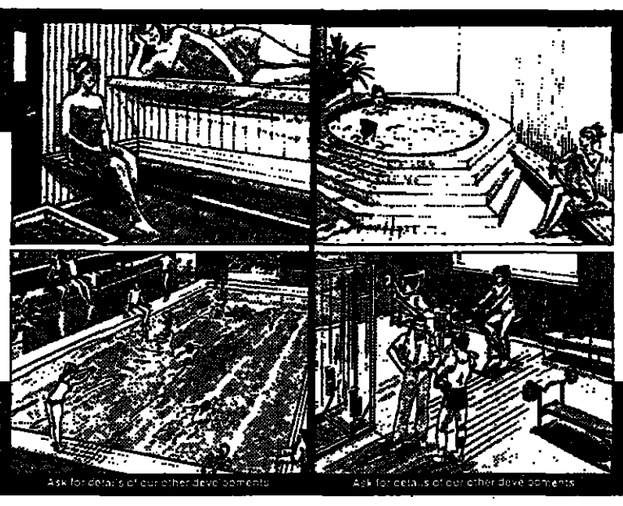

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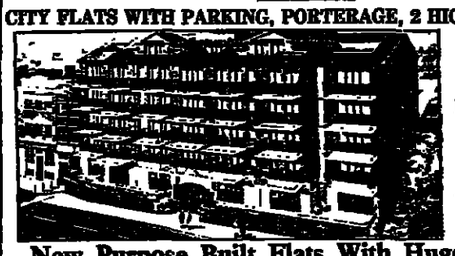

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RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY/1

How to beat the burglar's odds

By Christopher Warman
Property Correspondent

A burglary takes place every 90 seconds, night and day, according to the Legal & General insurance group, and there is a one-in-three chance that you will be burgled at some time. A Home Office working paper published last week states that there is a burglary every minute, and you are likely to be burgled every 35 years.

The slight variations in the possibilities suggested by these two sources do not bring any comfort, and the only consolation is an increasing emphasis among builders and developers on security. At the top of the market, individual houses are protected by electronically-controlled gates, and the same applies to a number of small developments.

Barratt's Dulwich Gate development is one of several in London where the entrance to all the houses is controlled by security gate and guard, and in Blackheath, Wimpey's new Mayfield development is protected by access through manned lodge gates.

Such schemes follow a pattern common in the United States, and there is little doubt that these enclosed and secure developments will thrive as burglaries increase and people become ever more security-conscious. But it is not only the most expensive property that is being protected. Builders are beginning now to fit anti-burglar devices as standard in new developments.

The statistics of house burglaries are chilling. When Legal & General launched an assault last month against Britain's "burglary epidemic", it reported that in 1984 losses from households amounted to £209.7 million, and in 1985 £219.4 million, showing a rise of 4.6 per cent.

There were 480,000 recorded burglaries in 1985, of which nine out of 10 were spontaneous and took less than 10 minutes. The same proportion of break-ins were through insecure doors and windows, with nearly one-third occurring at the front of the house, two thirds at the rear – and 3 per cent through the roof.

Self-help reduces the premium by 20%

Legal & General's new insurance scheme is based on self-help, offering home-owners up to 20 per cent savings through its Homesafe policy if they take anti-burglar steps.

Brian Palmer, the company's general director, said: "Burglars joke that God helps those who help themselves. The same is true for their potential victims. Householders could avoid financial loss and often heartbreak if they took simple precautions. Adequate locks and bolts are a major deterrent to break-ins. They are simple to fit and much cheaper than most people think."

The new scheme applies to house-owners who have had three claim-free years and whose property has adequate physical protection and is occupied most of the day. For identical houses, with £15,000 contents cover, for example, the "self-help" measures will reduce the Legal & General premium from £165 to £136.50 in Birmingham, from £82.50 to £69 in Bristol and from £210 to £168 in London and Liverpool.

It is no good installing good locks if the home-owner then leaves windows open or keys "hidden" in an obvious place, puts good locks on weak doors, allows papers or milk to be left when absent, leaves equipment such as a ladder outside, or of course, leaves a key in the lock.

The cost of securing an average house is about £60, ranging from £34 for a ground-floor flat, to £55 for a two-bedroom terrace house, £64 for a three-bedroom semi-detached and £90 for a four-bedroom detached house. These estimates do not include the cost of fitting.

Prudential Assurance, Britain's largest household insurer, has also taken measures to alert people to the dangers with a £100,000 publicity campaign "Stop Thief", featuring booklets and a video available from any of the company's 400 district offices. Last year the Pru paid out £33 million in compensation for goods stolen and damage caused to property by burglars.

Housebuilders, too, are responding to the "epidemic". Heron Homes has announced that in all future developments it will incorporate anti-theft features devised in co-operation with the Surrey county police. They include alarms, mortice locks, security chains, spy holes and special hinges on windows and doors.

One of the earliest into the field was Bellway Homes, which recently announced a plan to incorporate a fully integrated anti-burglar package into every house on its new developments at no extra cost to buyers. "We have even been inundated with requests for information from home-owners who want to incorporate our measures into their present homes," says Howard Dawe, Bellway's group technical director.

The scheme was originally introduced

Builders offered gesture of support

in response to an appeal by Northumbria's Chief Constable, Stanley Bailey, for builders to support the police in their fight against crime by designing in security. Bellway's move, introduced not as a sales aid but as a gesture of support, was welcomed by Home Office ministers, and the Sun Alliance insurance group offered 15 per cent discounts off its standard rates for its "secure" homes.

The security package, installed on all houses on new developments costing more than £35,000 (£50,000 in the London area), includes mortice locks, door bolts and chains, door viewers, window locks, patio door locks and up-and-over garage door locks. In addition, Bellway commissioned a subsidiary company to produce an integrated electronic alarm system, which is also being installed.

RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY/2

The towered survivor of the Tudor age

■ The Gate House at Bolebrook, Hartfield, East Sussex, built in 1540, was the gate house to Bolebrook Castle, destroyed by fire in the 17th century. The castle was rebuilt, but although it has Tudor features, the Gate House is the only original Tudor building left. It retains the 16th-century brickwork turrets and a solid oak staircase. The present owners have fully restored the brickwork with the co-operation of the Environment Department. A modern wing was added some years ago.

This country house, close to Ashdown Forest, now has five bedrooms and three reception rooms, with the master and guest bedroom suites in its Elizabethan tower. The house, in half an acre, is for sale through Taylor and Tester's East Grinstead office at £250,000.

■ **Number 11, Bridge Street, Bures, Suffolk, within seven miles of Colchester, is a modest name for a modest three-bedroom cottage, built in the late 17th century of lath and plaster with a timber frame. There are exposed timbers in the sitting room and dining room, and the cottage has a courtyard garden. Simon Berry and Partners, of Sudbury, is asking £54,000.**

Starter shortage

■ Two factors are given by a large estate agency firm for the shortage in the South-East of first-time buyers' homes, leading to the disproportionate price increase for this type of property. Flatt & Mead, which has offices in 13 towns and villages in Hertfordshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire, says in its 1986 review that builders prefer to use the little available land for larger, more profitable houses, and that council planning policies, demanding space for cars, encourage sheltered housing and homes for the elderly, not small houses and flats for car-owning first-time buyers.

■ **Some of the Roman coins dating from 350-360AD, found in the grounds of the newly built Kutu Lodge at Shipham in Avon, will be included in the sale of the house. The coins, known as the Shipham Hoard, were discovered by the owner of the land while gardening, and it is believed there may be further caches. The house has four bedrooms and four reception rooms. Its half-acre grounds include a leisure complex and a swimming pool. The agents, C.J. Hole, of Wrington, Avon, are seeking more than £160,000.**

Prince's favourite

■ Clifton Cottage, built in 1833, perhaps the most original Georgian house in a conservation area in Camberwell, south London, is for sale through Farrar Stead and Glyn's Clapham office. It was reputedly owned by a mistress of the Prince of Wales, later King Edward VII. The house retains many original features, including plaster cornices and fireplaces with marble surrounds. The house, recently refurbished, offers a large reception room, a dining room and four bedrooms. The agents are seeking £198,000 for the freehold.

Michelmersh Court, on the edge of the village of Michelmersh, near Romsey, Hampshire, overlooking the Test Valley, is an outstanding example of the English country house, unspoilt and beautifully maintained. It was constructed in about 1790 by the Rev Philip Baker, rector of Michelmersh, in the days when rectors could do such things, and became the rectory for the next 130 years. It is a Grade II listed Georgian house with period features, including cornicing and parapets, with an imposing hall and staircase, a panelled sitting room and a dining room for large-scale entertaining. There are two further reception rooms, four main bedrooms and four secondary bedrooms, and in the 17 acres of grounds there are a swimming pool, a tennis court, a staff flat and a three-bedroom lodge cottage. Hampton and Sons is seeking offers of more than £900,000

Folks who live in the mill

Converted mills and mill houses are always in demand. They are invariably attractive to look at, usually offer spacious living, and have delightful country outlooks. And any property with water near by seems to have that extra something — not damp, it is hoped.

Bidwells, of Cambridge, is selling an unusual collection of Georgian buildings, including a mill, in the village of Exning, two miles from Newmarket. The mill house has recently been renovated to provide a five-bedroom house with more than two acres of grounds.

It is believed to date from the 18th century and is built of brick under a clay-tiled roof. The kitchen and bathroom are to be left for the intending purchaser to modernize to his or her own taste, and the guide price is £120,000.

Also for sale is the original mill, which is to be converted into a two-bedroom house and contains the bow wheel and crown wheel of the old machinery. In addition there is a brick-built period barn for sale, for conversion into a three-bedroom house, and Bidwells is inviting offers for them without giving a guide price.

The agents say two or more of the properties would be ideal for a family looking for granny accommodation or staff quarters.

Savills is offering not only a water mill, but also The Mill Inn at Withington, near Cheltenham, Gloucestershire. The inn has been in the private ownership of the same family for 60 years and is one of the best known inns in the Cotswolds. Turnover for the year ended March 31, 1986, was £202,000.

The inn stands by the River Coln, a good trout stream. It is built of Cotswold stone and has timbered rooms and open fireplaces. It has five bedrooms, including two letting rooms, and a self-contained manager's flat. Savills' Banbury office and the Cirencester office of Robert Barry and Company are asking for offers of more than £330,000.

Savills' York office is selling the Mill House and Corn Water Mill at Crakehall, near Bedale. The mill was recorded in the Domesday Book and it still has timbers which have been dated to this period. It fell into disrepair after 1924 but was restored by the present owner, who bought it in 1977 and had it grinding corn again in 1980. There is now a local demand for the stone-ground wholemeal flour produced at the mill from untreated quality wheat. It remains a working mill and, understandably, a tourist attraction.

The Mill House, overlooking the mill, has three reception rooms and three bedrooms, and close by is a two-bedroom cottage and tea room. The grounds of six acres include a number of outbuildings and paddocks, and Savills is asking for offers around £165,000.

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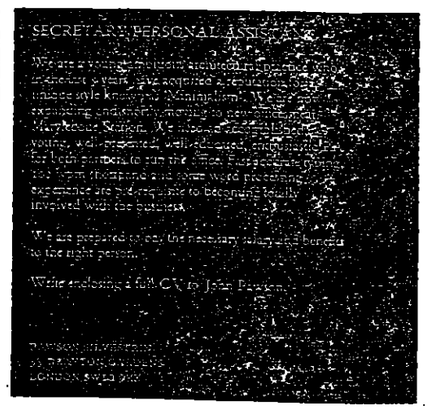

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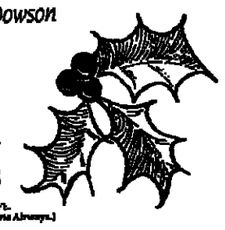

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UK tax relief for Jersey partnership

Padmore v Inland Revenue Commissioners

Before Mr Justice Peter Gibson
[Judgment December 1]

United Kingdom resident partners of a partnership that was managed and controlled in Jersey were not liable to United Kingdom income tax on their shares of the partnership's profits. The double taxation arrangement made in 1952 between Jersey and the United Kingdom applied to afford such partners relief.

Mr Justice Peter Gibson so held in the Chancery Division in a reserved judgment allowing an appeal by Mr Maurice Padmore from a determination of a single special commissioner.

The taxpayer was a United Kingdom resident and a member of a partnership, the business of which was controlled and managed in Jersey. The partnership, carrying on a business of furnishing a world-wide renewals service for patents and trade marks, had over 140 partners, the majority of whom resided in the United Kingdom.

The partnership had always been carried on from St. Helier and its day-to-day managment carried on by two partners who were resident in Jersey.

In December 1979 a tax inspector refused to allow a claim by the taxpayer under section 497 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970 for relief from United Kingdom income tax in respect of his share of the partnership's profits for the years from 1975 to 1982 inclusive. An appeal by the taxpayer against that refusal was dismissed by a special commissioner. The taxpayer appealed.

Mr Peter Whiteman, QC and Mr Patrick Soares for the taxpayer; Mr Andrew Park QC and Mr Alan Moses for the Crown.

MR JUSTICE PETER GIBSON said that the dispute concerned the true construction of the *Arrangement* scheduled to the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Jersey) Order (SI 1952 No 1216) in relation to income that was the taxpayer's share of the profits of a partnership, the business of which was controlled and managed in Jersey.

Under English law a partnership was not itself a legal entity — it was the partners carrying on the business as principals and as agents for each other (*Sadler v Whiteman* ([1910] 1 KB 868)).

The legal position of a Jersey partnership was not entirely clear. However, Jersey tax law was modelled on the United Kingdom Income Tax Act 1918 and was not materially different from UK legislation relating to the taxation of partnerships.

Obviously many possibilities could arise of two countries seeking to tax the same income. Hence the growth of double taxation arrangements between countries to provide relief from double taxation. The 1952 Jersey Arrangement was one of a large number entered into by the United Kingdom at that time in like form with overseas territories.

Paragraph 3(2) of the Arrangement provided that the "profits of a Jersey enterprise shall not be subject to United Kingdom tax unless the enterprise is engaged in trade or business in the United Kingdom . . .".

By paragraph 2(1) a person was defined as including "any body of persons"; a Jersey resident meant "any person who is resident in Jersey" and "Jersey enterprise" meant an enterprise carried on by "a resident of Jersey".

The commissioner stated that he had two questions to determine:

1 Whether the term "Jersey enterprise" could include the business of a partnership as such. He concluded that it could because a partnership was a person or body of persons with residence in Jersey by reason of the management and control of the partnership in Jersey. Accordingly he held that the partnership was a Jersey enterprise.

2 Whether the exemption from United Kingdom tax of the profits of the partnership extended also to each of the individual United Kingdom resident partner's share of such profits. He concluded that it did not because a partner had an enterprise but by reason of the residence of that United Kingdom partner, it was not a Jersey enterprise and so the taxpayer's share was liable to tax.

Mr Whiteman supported the commissioner's conclusion on the first question but submitted that he had erred on the second because no partner had a business separate from that of every other partner of the partnership and that as the profits of the partnership were not subject to United Kingdom tax each partner's share of the same profits was also not subject to tax.

Mr Park attacked the commissioner's conclusion on the first question, submitting that a partnership for the purposes of the Arrangement was not a "person" or "body of persons" and that the partnership did not have a residence in Jersey. He did not seek to support the commissioner's reasoning on the second question but said that the conclusion reached thereon was nevertheless correct.

His Lordship said that a partnership was a "body of persons". It was highly improbable that partnerships were intended to be excluded from the Arrangement. Moreover as a matter of the ordinary use of language a partnership was a body of persons.

More difficult was the question of whether for the purpose of paragraph 3 of the Arrangement a partnership had a "residence" and if so what was the test to determine such residence.

The commissioner on that point had been correct in deciding that an assessable entity had to be treated as having a residence somewhere and that such residence was to be determined, as it was for companies, by the control and management factor.

Turning to the second question that the commissioner had to determine, the point was essentially a short one. The starting point was the language of paragraph 3(2). That was unequivocal in its meaning.

All the profits of a Jersey enterprise were not to be subject to United Kingdom tax — that meant that those profits whether earned in Jersey or in the United Kingdom or anywhere else were not to be subject to tax save only to the extent that they were attributable to a permanent establishment in the United Kingdom.

It was implicit in paragraph 3(2) that a share of the profits was exempted if the profits themselves were exempted. How could a share of the profits not be exempt when all the profits were exempt?

The conclusion was that paragraph 3(2) exempted from United Kingdom income tax the share of a United Kingdom resident partner of the profits of a Jersey partnership. It followed that the taxpayer's appeal was allowed.

Solicitors: Needham & Grant; Solicitor of Inland Revenue.

Costs in divorce case can be claimed

Pritchard v J. H. Cobden Ltd and Another

Before Lord Justice O'Connor, Lord Justice Croom-Johnson and Sir Roger Ormrod

[Judgment November 26]

Although when the injuries sustained by a plaintiff resulted in the breakdown of his marriage, the plaintiff was not entitled to claim the financial loss arising from the provisions made in matrimonial proceedings as a head of damages in a personal injuries action, the court nevertheless had a discretionary power to order the defendants in the personal injuries action to pay the taxed costs of the plaintiff's divorce.

The Court of Appeal so held refusing an application by the defendants, J. H. Cobden Ltd and Malcolm Cyril Parrott for an alteration of an order of "no order for costs" in an appeal where their Lordships on July 30 reduced the damages awarded to the plaintiff, Vivien John Pritchard (*The Times* August 27).

Mr Piers Ashworth, QC and Mr Benjamin Browne for the defendants; Mr William Crowther, QC and Miss Rosalind Foster for the plaintiff.

LORD JUSTICE O'CONNOR said that the plaintiff was grievously injured in an accident. The defendants admitted liability and the only question at the trial was one of damages.

Some years after the accident, while the personal injuries action was still awaiting trial, the plaintiff's marriage broke down as a result of brain injuries he had suffered.

The parties had thought that the position was covered by *Jones v Jones* ([1985] QB 794) and that any financial provision arising out of the divorce which could be said to be a burden on the plaintiff could be passed on to the defendants.

There was no guidance in the *Jones* case as to how that should be dealt with. Since the size of the plaintiff's claim was to be governed by the provision for his wife, it was thought best that the two proceedings should be heard by the same judge at the same time.

Mr Justice Swinton Thomas heard the matrimonial proceedings and the personal injuries action. Costs were incurred by three parties.

The judge decided that £53,000 of the provisions made in the matrimonial proceedings for the wife should be passed on to the defendants.

As far as costs were concerned, the parties handed in an agreed order. In those circumstances the order of the court was drawn up and provided that damages totalling £434,126 together with interest of £16,806 be awarded to the plaintiff.

The order further provided that the defendants do pay the plaintiffs' costs "such costs to be taxed on a party and party basis if not agreed together with all costs incurred by [the plaintiff] or payable by him to [his wife] in respect of the divorce and ancillary relief proceedings . . . such costs to be taxed on a solicitor and own client basis if not agreed".

When the matter last came to the Court of Appeal the defendants appealed against a number of assessments of damages in the personal injuries claim and also appealed against the quantification of the £53,000 arising from the matrimonial proceedings.

It was accepted that the *Jones* case was binding on the court and it was thought that it was not possible to argue that no claim lay. But when that case was considered, it became apparent to the court that the point that damages were available in respect of a divorce caused by the personal injuries was conceded and was not argued there.

The Court of Appeal then held that because the point was not argued it could be reviewed. The Court of Appeal did review it and came to the conclusion that the *Jones* case was wrong.

Therefore all the damages stemming from the matrimonial proceedings were disallowed as it was said to be against public policy. It was said that the alteration in the financial position as a result of a divorce should be disregarded because it was an adjustment of the family assets and not a loss which could be claimed.

The plaintiff's damages were therefore reduced and the order was drawn up on August 26, 1986. There was no order as to the costs of the appeal and therefore no provision was made for dealing with the order for costs below.

The defendants now submitted that, if asked, the Court of Appeal would inevitably have altered that part of the judgment below ordering the defendants to pay the costs of the divorce. It would have been set aside.

It was said to be an accident or omission by counsel not to have asked. The defendants said that this case was similar to *In re Inchcape* ([1942] Ch 394) where it was self-evident that, if asked, the order would have been made, and therefore the slip rule applied.

For the plaintiff it was submitted that the present case was different because it was never argued whether the costs of a divorce could be recovered. The judgment covered the point but it was never argued and therefore the slip rule did not apply.

The order had been effected and unless the slip rule applied nothing could be done. The plaintiff's argument was correct.

Aidcn Shipping Co Ltd v Interbulk Ltd (*The Times* June 2, 1986; [1986] 2 WLR 1051) was authority for the proposition that the court's discretion as to awarding costs extended to ordering a party who was not a party to the proceedings to pay the costs.

In all the circumstances of the case it was not unfair that the defendants should be held to the order. The application was dismissed with costs on an indemnity basis.

Lord Justice Croom-Johnson and Sir Roger Ormrod agreed.

Solicitors: Trethowans, Salisbury; C. A. Norris, Ringwood.

Domestic violence is no mitigation

Regina v Cutts

The fact that a serious assault *occurred in a domestic scene* was no mitigation whatsoever, and no reason for proceedings not being taken and condign punishment following in a proper case.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Lawton, Mr Justice Michael Davies and Mr Justice Roch) so stated on November 20 when dismissing the appeal of Harry Cutts against the sentence of 18 months' imprisonment imposed on him on June 18, 1986 following his plea of guilty on May 21 at Acton Crown Court (Judge Palmer) to an offence of causing grievous bodily harm to his wife, contrary to section 20 of the Offences against the Person Act 1861.

MR JUSTICE MICHAEL DAVIES said that it was high time that the message was understood in clear terms by courts, by police forces, by probation officers and, above all, by husbands and boyfriends of women, that it was no mitigation of a serious assault that it had occurred in a domestic scene.

That did not mean, of course, that for every tiff in which a slap was exchanged or given by one to another the involvement of the police and prosecution ought to follow. That would be taking what their Lordships had just said out of its context and out of proportion.

But the idea that in some way serious assaults were rendered trivial because of a relationship of marriage or friendship was completely outdated. In a proper case proceedings should be taken, and condign punishment should follow.

Improper observation to the jury

Regina v Smith (William)
Regina v Doe

It was improper for a judge in summing up to a jury to make the observation that when a submission had been made at the close of the prosecution case that there was no case to answer, if he had not thought there was sufficient evidence of identification available to the jury, he would have withdrawn the case from them.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Watkins, Mr Justice Drake and Mr Justice Ognall) so stated on November 25 when allowing the appeals of William Smith and Henry Doe against their convictions on July 24, 1986 in Reading Crown Court (Judge Ellison and a jury) of burglary.

LORD JUSTICE WATKINS said that submissions of "no case to answer" were made in the absence of the jury, and the question as to whether or not there was a sufficiency of evidence was one which was exclusively for the judge.

His consideration of that question and his decision should not be revealed to the jury lest it wrongly influenced them to the conclusion that, because the judge had been satisfied that there was enough evidence for them to consider, there was enough there on which they could convict.

In the circumstances of this particular case, however, that observation standing by itself would not be a reason for declaring that the verdicts were unsafe or unsatisfactory. Unfortunately, much had gone wrong in this trial, which had been a difficult matter for the judge and counsel in some respects.

Waiver of privilege

Pozzi v Eli Lilly & Co and Others

The disclosure of part of a letter pursuant to a general order of discovery in the course of litigation between the parties constituted a waiver of privilege in respect of the whole contents of that letter.

Mr Justice Hirst so held in the Queen's Bench Division on November 26 in a judgment in open court following a hearing in chambers when he allowed the defendants' summons for an order that the plaintiff produce to the defendants a complete copy of a letter from his general medical practitioner to his solicitors: see also *The Times* May 1, 1986; August 2, 1986.

MR JUSTICE HIRST said that there was no relevant distinction between the situation in the present case and disclosure of part of a document by counsel in open court which the Court of Appeal in *Great Atlantic Insurance Co v Home Insurance Co* ([1981] 1 WLR 529) held resulted in a waiver of privilege of the entire contents of the document "unless the document deals with separate subject matters so that the document can in effect be divided into two separate and distinct documents each of which is complete".

In that case there had also been disclosure on discovery and the court had not drawn any contrast between the two: see also *General Accident Fire and Life Assurance Corporation Ltd v Tanter* ([1984] 1 WLR 100, 114). The evidence before the court went nowhere towards establishing different subject matter or different incidents.

Spent convictions

D v Yates and Others

A judge had no discretion in the trial of a civil action to prevent cross-examination as to a witness's previous convictions if it was relevant to the witness's credibility, unless the conviction was spent under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974.

Where a party in such an action wished to cross-examine a witness as to convictions which were spent under the 1974 Act, he would have first to satisfy the judge that it would not be possible for justice to be done unless such cross-examination were permitted.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Purchas and Lord Justice Nourse) so held on November 27, dismissing an appeal by the defendants from an order of Judge Brown, QC, who, sitting as a judge of the High Court on March 3, had refused to permit them to cross-examine the plaintiff as to three previous convictions. One of them had then already become spent for the purposes of the 1974 Act and the others had become spent on the day of the hearing in the Court of Appeal.

LORD JUSTICE NOURSE said that the 1974 Act had had far-reaching and dramatic consequences, and section 7(3), which provided that the court could admit evidence of previous convictions if justice could not be done except by so doing, imposed an requirement, additional to relevance and materiality, which had to be fulfilled before the judge's discretion to admit such evidence arose.

Deportation appeals

Regina v Immigration Appeals Tribunal, Ex parte Chumun and Another
Regina v Immigration Appeals Tribunal, Ex parte Bano-Ovais and Another

When appealing against a deportation order under section 15 of the Immigration Act 1971, or against a notice of intention to deport by an adjudicator, time had begun to run when service was effected.

Mr Justice Hodgson so held in the Queen's Bench Division on November 25, allowing orders of *certiorari* to quash deportation orders made by the secretary of state against Mariam Bibi Chumun and Begam Chummun, and to quash notices of intention to deport made against Halima Husah Bano-Ovais and Huma Lazi.

In both cases notices of intention to deport were sent by recorded delivery to their last known address and were returned marked "gone away".

MR JUSTICE HODGSON said that he was bound to find on the authorities referred to, in particular, *R v County of London Quarter Sessions, Ex parte Rossi* ([1956] 1 QB 682) and *Hewitt v Leicester Corporation* ([1969] 1 WLR 855), that the two notices never took effect to start the two periods of 14 days running, and that therefore the two deportation orders had to be quashed.

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THE GREAT RATES CRISIS IN SPORT

Grass-roots sport is under attack from the town halls of Britain. Heavy increases in the rates imposed by local authorities has forced many sports clubs to consider cutting back on their facilities at a time when there is public demand for more of them. In his second and final article on the threat to sport, John Goodbody studies the present figures and the future effect

Peter Lawson: "Sport belongs to the masses. There are a lot of votes for the party which provides what they want." (Photograph: Paul Lovelace)

The fear is creeping through the committee meetings of thousands of amateur sports clubs in England and Wales. Many are already struggling to survive because of the acute increase in their rates. But worse may yet come. In Scotland clubs often pay six or seven times more than similar organizations south of the border. The Government has promised there will be harmonization of sports clubs' rates throughout Britain in 1990.

"In my experience when the word harmonization is used by local and national governments, it always means a levelling up not a levelling down. We are very worried," Peter Lawson, the secretary of the Central Council of Physical Recreation, says.

So worried has the CCPR become that in October it led a delegation of officials to talk to members of all political parties at the House of Commons. Mr Lawson reports that Neil Kinnock was "sympathetic and understanding." Jeffrey Archer, in one of his last duties as vice-chairman of the Conservative Party, was "helpful" and Dr David Owen, for the SDP, was "interested." Only the Liberals were "indifferent."

The CCPR is now girding itself for a campaign that is being waged with striking success in Scotland. At the heart of the problem is the fact that local authorities have the discretion to give rate relief. This is not mandatory and the rates vary from one region to another according to the council's policy.

The anomalies between Scotland and the rest of Britain only came to light when a rates demand for £5,500 arrived on the desk of Alex Kilgour, the treasurer of Kirkcaldy Rugby Football Club. This represented an increase of more than £1,200 in only a year. The high amount was because of the 1984 property revaluation in Scotland in which the rateable value of sports clubs was based on the estimated capital value of the property. Mr Kilgour found that a rugby club of a similar size, like Keighley in Yorkshire, was only paying £350 while some of the leading English clubs were paying less than Kirkcaldy, a Scottish National League third division club which has not had an international player since 1925.

Northampton and Leicester were paying £2,651 and £3,500 in rates respectively while Bristol had to find £4,000. Whereas Bristol had a bar turnover of £129,000, Kirkcaldy's turnover was £24,000. It was not confined to rugby. As Mr Kilgour investigated he found other ludicrous disparities. Abercorn Tennis Club in Edinburgh, with five tennis courts, three squash courts and a pavilion, paid £6,500 while Winchester Tennis and Squash Club, with 19 tennis courts, eight squash courts and a pavilion was paying £3,000.

The Glasgow Academical Club, with three rugby pitches, a cricket square and four squash courts, was paying £16,500 while the MCC, whose ground is the most famous in cricket, was paying £25,700 for Lord's.

Mr Kilgour found allies everywhere. The treasurers of other sports clubs were equally disgruntled and backed the campaign led by Alan Grosset, the chairman of the Scottish Sports Association, Bill Mann, a former president of the Scottish Cricket Union, and Mr Kilgour.

Meetings were held. Letters were written to MPs and local authorities. A debate was even held in the House of Commons on May 19. Mr Mann, a financier, was delighted when he heard that a rates assessor in Strathclyde had said that he was fed up hearing about the problems of sports clubs. "That shows we are making an impression."

Results followed. In Fife, Kirkcaldy's own region, the local authority finally succumbed to the sustained pressure from nearly 100 clubs. It gave full relief to unlicensed clubs and half to those with bars. Kirkcaldy itself was completely removed from the valuation roll after an appeal based on a Scottish local government act which said that buildings and public parks were free from rates if their use was ancillary to the park. If this may have widespread effect in Scotland, the law does not apply to England and Wales.

Although the struggle is being fought and sometimes won north of the border – the campaigners have a meeting on Friday with Mr Malcolm Rifkind, the Secretary of State for Scotland – it has hardly begun in England. The CCPR wants 100 per cent mandatory rate relief for all sports clubs without a bar, 50 per cent for those with a bar or full rate charged on the bar area only and 100 per cent relief plus grant aid support for all youth sections of voluntary sports clubs. Lawson stresses the importance of the value of clubs to the local community and, with a smile, points out: "It is cheaper to mug an old lady on a street corner than to take part in sport."

The Department of the Environment agrees that there are a lot of anomalies in the system and states that the reason local authorities have discretionary powers is because they are in the best position to tailor the relief to the benefit of the community derived from a sports club. It points out that although some do provide a valuable service to the community, there are others where membership rules are unduly restrictive.

The CCPR will not let the matter rest there. Sport is gradually realizing that it must become involved in politics at both national and local level. As Mr Lawson says: "Sport belongs to the masses – the masses who vote. There are millions of members of ordinary sports clubs in Britain. There are a lot of votes for the party which provides what they want."

GOLF

Olazabal favoured to pip Clark for Masters invitation

By Mitchell Platts

Jose-Maria Olazabal, the young Spaniard who enjoyed an outstanding first season as a professional, is the European player most likely to be given a special invitation to the 51st US Masters at Augusta National, Georgia, on April 9 to 12.

Hord Hardin, chairman of the Augusta National golf club, said: "It would be hard to pass him by unless in checking his record we discover something that might deter us."

Bernhard Langer, the champion in 1985, and Severiano Ballesteros, the winner in 1980 and 1983 have automatically qualified, along with Sandy Lyle. David Curry, the 1986 Amateur champion, is also set to join Garth McGimpsey, the 1985 Amateur champion, in the field.

The British champion is historically awarded a place for two successive years and Olazabal, the Amateur champion in 1984, played at Augusta the following year, although he was ineligible this year as he had turned professional.

Hardin stressed that no decisions had been taken regarding the additional invitations which are to be awarded. Olazabal, however, made an astonishing impression on the golfing world with his victories in the Ebel European Masters and Sanyo Open on the way to finishing runner-up to Ballesteros in the Epson Order of Merit with record winnings for a "rookie" of £136,775.

Even so the likelihood of Howard Clark being rewarded with a place at Augusta for finishing third in the European Order of Merit would appear to be slender. Eighty-eight players contested the fiftieth US Masters this year, won by Jack Nicklaus, and it was one of the largest fields in the recent history of the tournament.

Hardin explained: "We do not like to have as many as 90 contestants. Our preferred number is 80. A number of European players now automatically qualify under the American rules and whereas we once used only to look at Great Britain and Ireland it is now essential that we take a broader view with the progress made by individuals through Europe."

The Masters, however, is strictly an invitation tournament, sponsored by a private organization, and the Club's qualification regulations are the principal means of determining the player invitation list, but such eligibility under these regulations does not oblige the Tournament Committee to issue an invitation.

In the past the usual procedure has been for all the invitations to be extended before Christmas, so creating some suspense among British players during the festive season, but Hardin added that there could be some later invitations, depending on the size of the field. "If we find that in February there are only 75 or 78 players qualified then we might open the door to others even at that stage," he said.

Britain lags behind

Women's professional golf in Europe is growing at a remarkably fast pace, but still fails to attract huge galleries in Britain.

"We attract huge crowds in Europe, but the British are rather blase," Beverly Lewis, chairman of the Women's PGA, said when she announced yesterday that the 1987 tour's prize money would top £1 million for the first time.

"The Belgium Open had 9,000 on one day last year, but we need to publicize ourselves much more on this side of the Channel," Mrs Lewis said. The WPGA have appointed their own press officer but are still holding back on the possibility of pre-qualifying for their tournaments, except when daylight hours cause the field to be restricted. "We may face that possibility one day, or start an all-exempt tour," Mrs Lewis said.

The 1987 calendar lists 20 events between April and October with four more possibilities which could take the prize money up to £1,250,000. The European Masters at Boras in Sweden tops the list with £110,000, followed by the British Women's Open on £100,000.

"The hope of playing for £1 million was a dream only a few years ago; now it is a reality," Mrs Lewis said.

BOXING: AMERICAN HAS LEARNED TRADE IN TOUGH SCHOOL

Lively Boston may upset tea party for confident Christie

By Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent

Errol Christie, having found a toehold in the door of the World rankings at No 10 in the International Boxing Federation ratings, has a chance to impress the other two world bodies, the World Boxing Association and World Boxing Council, against Charlie Boston, of New Jersey, the WBC No 12, at Alexandra Pavilion, north London.

After his brilliant win against Sean Mannion, the world-rated light-middleweight, Christie has regained much of his confidence shattered by the eighth round defeat by Mark Kaylor last year. Under Jimmy Tibbs, his new trainer, Christie is expected to have sharpened up his punching. According to Tibbs, Christie "will do a good job on Boston tonight."

Christie showed against Mannion that he is most effective when attacking in short, sharp bursts or when his opponent comes on to his quick combinations. It will be interesting to see whether he can draw Boston on to his shots. Christie has so much natural talent that he should be able to do so.

Although Boston has had only 15 bouts, losing three, he should be a good test for Christie. Last April, Boston knocked out in eight rounds Dwight Davidson, the former world No 1 whom Tony Sibson beat on points in 1982. Boston lost a split points decision to Doug De Witt who recently tested Thomas Hearns. Christie has been watching Boston's two contests and was suitably impressed.

If Boston is not quite as durable as Mannion he could prove livelier. He is thought to have something of the style of Marvin Hagler. "I can box or fight depending on the situation," Boston said. He has been a sparring partner for Hagler's opponents such as John Mugabi and Roberto Duran.

Christie: sharper punching

Recently he has been training with Sugar Ray Leonard, who meets Hagler in April. Boston will continue training with Leonard on his return to the United States. Clearly he can be expected to show a few moves tonight.

From the way Angelo Taverna, Boston's manager, spoke yesterday it seems that they are not looking for a quick win and expect the bout to go the distance. "You don't have judges in your country and I hope the referee will give us the decision if we win," Taverna said.

Christie is expected to have one more bout before meeting Sibson in March for the Commonwealth middleweight title. Sibson, who pulled out a month ago with a shoulder injury from tonight's card, should be fit, according to Ken Squires, his trainer.

On the undercard, Hughroy Currie, the former British heavyweight champion, has been called in after Kirkland Laing, a flu victim, missed fighting for the British welterweight title, vacated by Lloyd Honeyghan. Sylvester Mittee now meets Idelmar Montero, the Colombian champion, who has a career record of 14 wins and three losses.

Currie meets Melvin Epps, a New York bank guard. Epps is only 190lb against Currie's 200 plus. Now Currie must answer a stamina problem against the lanky New Yorker, who has been the distance with Jeff Sims and Marvis Frazier. If he does not dispose of Epps quickly he could be in trouble.

● Tsuyoshi Hamada, of Japan, obtained a 2-1 split decison over Ronnie Shields, his American challenger, yesterday to retain his WBC junior welterweight title. James Jenkim, the United States judge, scored 111-108 and Larry Nadaya, of the Philippines, 116-111, for Hamada, but Malcolm Bulner, the Australian, had Shields ahead 115-113 in a fierce contest in Tokyo that halted the Japanese champion's record of 17 straight knockout victories.

BASKETBALL

Stayaway McNish spoils his chances

By Nicholas Harling

Colin McNish's failure to attend two training weekends has cost the 6ft 9in Polycell Kingston forward, the chance of extending his England career in the four-nation Pohlajo tournament in Finland later this month.

McNish, aged 26, who failed to score in his only previous England game against Switzerland at Leicester in February, wanted another opportunity after missing the European championships in Denmark during the summer because his mother was ill in Trinidad.

David Titmuss, the new England coach who watched McNish help Kingston reach their third successive cup final on Sunday, was so keen to give him that chance that he made special arrangements for the player to attend the northern training camp for England possibles at Oldham after he had missed the weekend for southern players in Hertfordshire.

"I'm very disappointed that he didn't bother to attend," Titmuss said. "He's my type of player and without prejudging it I think that he could help England. I couldn't pick him after that. I wanted to pick players that I had worked with. I arranged the camps carefully so that they would not clash with league games but of the three Kingston players I invited, only Kenny Scott turned up. The door is not closed to them but they will obviously have to attend in future."

McNish has a chance to get back into the good books of Titmuss, though not immediately the squad itself, by attending a third training camp on December 21. "It's most likely I'll be there," he said yesterday. McNish explained that he had missed the first camp because he was ill and the second because there was no one to transport him from Kingston's game at Leicester to Oldham as had been promised. "I was all packed up and ready," he said, "but when I saw there was no one there I went back with the team."

Five of the players among the squad of 17, which will be reduced to 10, have never played for the senior England team before. They are Peter Scantlebury (Happy Eater Bracknell), Jason Fogarty (Sharp Manchester United), Kenny Scott (Polycell Kingston), Roy Jordan (HomeSpare Bolton) and Russell Taylor (Reg Vardy Sunderland).

SQUAD: S Sillifer, P Scantlebury (both Bracknell), M Speid, K Tatham (capt), C Irish, J Moore (all Portsmouth), A Balogun, R Peers, B Gardner, J Fogarty (all Manchester United), K Scott (Kingston), R Jordan (Bolton), C Vaughan, P James (both Leicester), R Taylor (Sunderland), P Stimpson, M Batt (both BCP London).

● Danny Palmer, the former coach of Crystal Palace and Portsmouth, now a television commentator, has taken over as coach of Bamberg, the West German club, until the end of the season. Tonight's game at Leverkusen, the unbeaten league leaders, brings Palmer into opposition with his American compatriot, Jim Kelly, who was also formerly in charge of an English club, Solent Stars.

TENNIS: KRAMER'S BRAINCHILD HAS COME A LONG WAY SINCE 1970

Masters puts its teething troubles behind and comes of mature age

From Richard Evans
New York

It was a bizarre and somewhat inauspicious birth – an ancient, dimly-lit auditorium in a Tokyo suburb where we sat huddled under blankets watching Jack Kramer's brainchild struggle for life.

That was in 1970 and since then the Masters has proved to be a difficult and often unruly offspring; hampered, perhaps, by a constant switch of homes and parental sponsorship as it lurched through a controversial adolescence.

It is a little surprising, therefore, that the event which opens at Madison Square garden today is at last showing signs of growing up. Not only has the date been changed from January to December to link it to the same year as the Grand Prix tournaments which provide its qualifiers, but the format has reverted to eight-man round robin after much flirtation with 12 or 16-man knockout competitions.

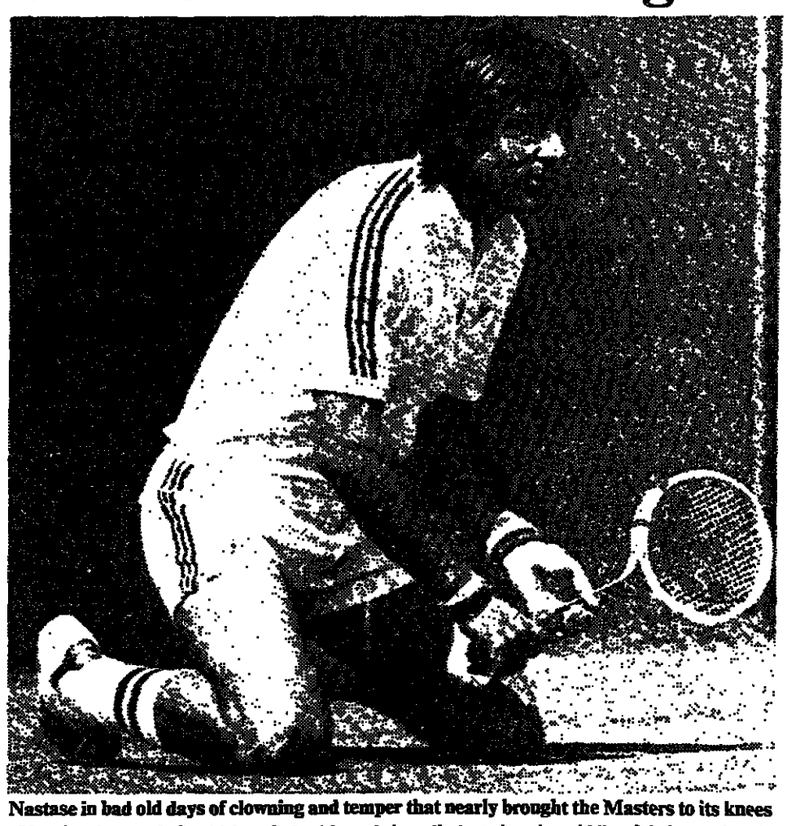
Quite rightly, Eugene L Scott, who took over as tournament director last January, felt that an eight-man field gave the tournament a more elitest feel and that the round robin concept would enable the star-conscious New York crowd to watch the likes of Boris Becker and the reigning Master, Ivan Lendl at least three times, win or lose.

What Scott did not forsee was that, John McEnroe apart, American players would fade so quickly from the game's elite. With Jimmy Connors missing out by one place, Scott has been left with the first Masters in history not to include an American player.

Scott, a former US amateur real tennis champion and Forest Hills semi-finalist, is, however, too urbane and sophisticated to let that be a cause of more than passing regret. He merely accepts the irony of McEnroe's observation a few weeks ago when the three-times Masters winner said: "I helped advocate the changes that have been made but, as a result of not playing for the first half of the year the only person who has been hurt by them is me."

Had suspension not intervened McEnroe would normally have still managed to qualify if the Masters had remained a 16-man event.

Such problems were far from the thoughts of the small group of men who burnt much midnight oil in the Paris apartment of Philippe Chatrier, the future ITF president, in 1969. Chatrier's guests were his great friend Kramer, 1947 Wimbledon champion and pro-promoter extraordinaire, and Donald Dell, who was in the process of forming the game's first high-powered management company.



Nastase in bad old days of clowning and temper that nearly brought the Masters to its knees

Although Lamar Hunt was already ready to launch his World Championship Tennis circuit with its Dallas final, Kramer was determined that the Masters should provide the showcase finale to a world-wide series of tournaments linked by a points system. "The bonus pool system is the only way to ensure that the top players have an incentive to support the legitimate Grand Prix circuit rather than go off and play exhibitions," Kramer told his colleagues.

The Grand Prix tour became legitimate, but the Masters and its participants struggled to get out of the kindergarten. After Stan Smith won that first title in Tokyo the event became the toy of Ilie Nastase, one of the game's most talented and ill-disciplined stars.

The round robin format was ideal for Nastase because it enabled him to get rid of all his excesses, even to the point of losing a match or being disqualified without being eliminated. Courting disaster at every turn, the Romanian drove officials and opponents to distraction, but still managed to become the Master four times out of five.

In Paris in 1972, Cliff Ritchie held two points for a 5-0 lead in the deciding set against Nastase before losing 8-6. In Boston two years later Nastase refused to shake hands with Tom Gorman after losing his opening match 6-4, 6-1 and still went on to win. Then most memorably his antics inspired Arthur Ashe's famous walk-off in Stockholm in 1975. Nastase was disqualified from that match, but still managed to win the title with a dazzling display of artistry against a bewildered Bjorn Borg in the final.

By this time Masters sponsorship had moved from a soda pop company through insurance to makers of toothpaste, but still had not learned how to clean its teeth. More controversy centred around huge video screens – on which Kirk Douglas predicted Wojtek Fibak's ultimate downfall against Manuel Orantes in the middle of their match – in Houston in 1976. But the following year the event finally settled into a permanent home at Madison Square Garden.

Suddenly tennis was big time and a record crowd of over 18,000 caused traffic jams on Eighth Avenue as they flocked to see Connors beat Guillermo Vilas on a Thursday night in 1978. But controversies over players dumping matches they no longer needed to win in the round robin and law suits over yet another change of sponsor continued to give Kramer's child a naughty boy image.

Now with Nabisco sponsoring the entire Grand Prix circuit under the auspicies of the Men's International Professional Tennis Council and Scott, street smart in an elegant sort of way, taking charge of the Masters itself, the event seems on the verge of a more mature future. Nonetheless, next Monday the 1986 Master could still be a teenager. Becker, should he seize Lendl's title, would become the youngest winner since McEnroe, aged 19, won in 1979.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

49ers lose thrust as sleepy Giants wake up and secure play-off place

By Robert Kirley

Joe Montana, the quarterback of the San Francisco 49ers, offered a terse evaluation on Monday night: "It seemed like two different games." There was just one result, of course; the New York Giants beat the 49ers 21-17 in the National Football League match. The Giants survived an abysmal first half and scored touchdowns on their first three series after the interval to secure at least a wild-card berth in the play-offs.

The 49ers established a 17-0 advantage at half-time with a 30-yard field goal by Ray Wersching, an 11-yard touchdown pass from Montana to Jerry Rice and a one-yard run by Rice. After half-time, the New Yorkers took over: Phil Simms threw two touchdown passes – 17 yards to Joe Morris and 34 yards to Stacy Robinson – and Ottis Anderson dived for a one-yard touchdown.

When the Giants play the Washington Redskins on Sunday, the undisputed possession of first place in the NFC East will be at stake. Although both clubs are assured of participating the play-offs, winning the division title will determine the home-field advantage.

"Everything is going to come down to the game at RFK," the Giants' linebacker, Lawrence Taylor, said, referring to the Robert F Kennedy stadium in Washington. "I guess that's going to be the biggest game of the season."

The importance of the match has not been lost on the Redskins. Dexter Manley, the Washington defender, said the game would be "like the Super Bowl." The Redskins have won five consecutive games since losing against the Giants on October 27. "I want to be no other place in the world than at RFK stadium next Sunday," Manley said. "If I won the $44 million jackpot, I don't think I'd show up to pick it up."

● Teams eliminated from contention for the play-offs are Buffalo, Green Bay, Houston, Indianapolis, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, St Louis, San Diego and Tampa Bay.

● The Miami University quarterback, Vinny Testaverde, who is expected to win the Heisman Trophy as the finest college player, sustained severe cuts and abrasions in a motor-bike accident. However, he should be fit to play against Penn State for the collegiate title in the Fiesta Bowl on January 2. Testaverde will probably be the first player selected in the spring in the NFL draft of college players.

● Irving Fryar, of the New England Patriots, was talking to his wife on a car telephone two weeks ago when he lost control of the vehicle and crashed into a tree, police in Foxboro, Massachusetts, said yesterday. Fryar was in hospital with concussion for three days after the accident, which happened while New England were playing against the Buffalo Bills. Fryar, an All-Pro punt returner, had left the game with a shoulder injury in the first half. Police gave him a $20 citation for failing to stay within marked lines.

A week before the accident, Fryar had caught a touchdown pass as time expired to lift the Patriots to a win against the Rams. Team officials did not say when Fryar would return to action.

Becker and Graf aim to share room at the top

Bonn (Reuter) – Steffi Graf said yesterday she was convinced both she and her West German compatriot, the Wimbledon champion Boris Becker, would be No 1 in the world at the same time. But Miss Graf, aged 17, added she was sure Becker would get there first.

Becker, who was 19 last month, has won Wimbledon for the last two years and is ranked second behind Ivan Lendl, of Czechoslovakia. Miss Graf is third in the women's rankings behind Martina Navratilova and Chris Lloyd, of the United States.

In an open letter to Becker in yesterday's *Bild* newspaper Miss Graf wrote: "Many tennis fans in Germany dream that we will both become No 1 in the world at the same time. That would be fabulous. "I don't just dream about it. I am firmly convinced of it. You will certainly do it before I do. Then you will dominate the tennis world as McEnroe at his best and as Bjorn Borg and Rod Laver did before."

Meanwhile, Becker, speaking after his 3-6, 6-3, 7-5, victory over John McEnroe in the Atlanta Challenge, his fourth tournament win in succession, said he should already be ranked No 1. Becker said: "I know what I think. I would say it is my secret."

But McEnroe, himself a former No 1, said he believed Lendl belongs there. Becker, who is seeded second to Lendl in the Masters tournament starting today has beaten Lendl in three of their last four matches.

Becker has won seven tournaments this year, six on the Grand Prix tour. Lendl has won eight times, including the French Open and US Open.

"Now I have the chance (to get No 1), I think it would be stupid to say I am No 2," Becker said. "You don't always have the chance, you know?"

RACING

Well-schooled Plaid should make fine start to new career

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Doubles for trainers Tim Forster and Peter Walwyn and jockeys. Luke Harvey and Dermot Browne look the order of the day at Worcester this afternoon.

Harvey, Richard Dunwoody's capable young replacement as Forster's second jockey this season, has already ridden Celtic Slave to victory twice this autumn. The first was achieved at Chepstow; the second at Worcester. Now I envisage them making a triumphant return to the same Midlands track and winning the Long Haul Handicap Chase.

While conceding that both the ground and the distance will suit that out-and-out stayer, Knock Hill, who showed signs of returning to form at Haydock last time out when he finished fourth behind Blackhawk Star, I still prefer Celtic Slave now that she is so clearly on a crest, having recently beaten yesterday's Hereford winner, Mayanncor.

On travelling companion **Suez**, Harvey will face an infinitely harder task in the Stretton Leisure Handicap Hurdle. However, I still think that it will be worth following them because Suez excelled at Windsor first time out considering how long he had been off course.

The Processor, who beat him three lengths at Windsor, had looked desperately unlucky not to win his previous race at Ascot where his rider was unseated at the last because of a broken iron. Open The Box, who finished third, had won his previous race and has run well to be placed at Wincanton since.

While Auntie Dot, Bold Illusion, Cruden Bay, How Now and Whither Goest Thou should also go well, they may all find Suez too much of a handful with so little to carry.

Walwyn and Browne are pinning their hopes of a double on Framlington Court and Plaid winning the two divisions of the Rushock Novices' Hurdle. In each instance, Martin Pipe, the successful Somerset trainer, will be fielding a formidable opponent but I still prefer the Seven Barrows runners.

A half-brother to the useful Fort Rupert, **Framlington Court** (12.30) ran well enough in his first race over hurdles at Newbury recently when he was runner-up to Domarc, beaten only 2½ lengths, to suggest that the first division could be his for the taking in spite of the presence of Pipe's runner Splendid Magnolia, not to mention Tim's Crusade and the one-time Derby hope, Sir Percy, who changed hands for as much as 40,000 guineas at Newmarket in the autumn.

Basically Splendid Magnolia is not much better than a plater. So I shall be disappointed if he can manage to give 7lb to Framlington Court even though he has run up a seemingly impressive sequence of wins.

Plaid (1.30) may lack that little bit of experience that his travelling companion gained at Newbury but he is nonetheless napped to make a successful start to his jumping career by winning the second division.

Besides being placed in both the Gerry Feilden Stakes at Newmarket and the Dee Stakes at Chester in the spring, Plaid also won the Somerset Stakes over 1¼ miles at Bath. From that it can be deduced that he was a horse of some ability on the Flat.

Harness to that record a reported relish for jumping hurdles and he looks a decent bet to appreciate this change of life and beat Pipe's runner, Mareth Line, who ran much too freely for his own good at Haydock two weeks ago when he was beaten five lengths by Arrow Express.

At Hexham, I rather like the look of **Secret Walk** in the Priestlands Handicap Hurdle, even though he will be carrying considerably more weight than when he won it last year. His recent seventh behind Comeragh King augured well.

Derrick Goddard and Lady Moon bid each other a fond farewell before the mare came under the hammer at yesterday's Newmarket December sales (Photograph: Hugh Routledge)

Joel's classic jewel leads the way as a breeding empire winds down

By Michael Seely

Fairy Footsteps, the 1,000 Guineas winner of 1981, described by the auctioneer, former Tattersalls' chairman, Kenneth Watt, as the "the jewel in Jim Joel's crown of broodmares," was sold for 720,000 guineas at yesterday's December Sales.

It was a sign of the times that an eight-year-old classic winner should have failed to break the British record of 820,000 guineas established by Dunette three years ago and the 1,025,641 guineas European record for Turkish Treasure in Ireland the following season.

Nevertheless there was still an expectant hush when Fairy Footsteps, a rich, dark bay with a blaze and three white socks, was led into the ring. It was indeed the end of an era, the disposal of the majority of the breeding empire of the 92-year-old Mr Joel, who had looked so healthy and spry when welcoming home Midnight Count after that spectacular victory at Sandown last Saturday.

The bidding opened at 500,000 guineas and there were some spirited exchanges before the hammer fell to a final nod from Hugo Lascelles, of the British Bloodstock Agency. James Wigan was the underbidder.

Fairy Footsteps will now be sent to the Heronwood Farm in Virginia. Lascelles refused to disclose the name of the owner of the Stud, but said that it was run on a commercial basis and that there were a couple of horses in training with Guy Harwood. "The Teenoso foal that the mare is carrying will be offered for auction at the Highflyer Sales in 1989," he said. "Fairy Footsteps herself will be mated with either Nureyev or Lyphard."

Kenneth Watt emerged from retirement as a sign of respect to Mr Joel and sold not only Fairy Footsteps, but also her mother, Glass Slipper, the next lot offered. Aged 17 and not in foal, the mother of another classic winner besides Fairy Footsteps in Light Cavalry, was sold to the BBA (Ireland) for 250,000 guineas. Her destination is thought to be the Coolmore Stud.

The second highest price from the Childwick Bury Stud was the 700,000 guineas paid by Hubie de Burgh for Magic Slipper, a three-year-old filly out of training from Henry Cecil's stable. The daughter of Habitat and Glass Slipper was bought for the Derrinstown Stud, which is the property of Hamdan Al Maktoum.

The third highest priced mare from the contingent, Lady Moon, by Mill Reef out of Moonlight Night, is believed to be in foal to Kris and she was also purchased by the Maktoum family. She was knocked down to a bid from Anthony Stroud, Sheikh Mohammed's racing manager.

The 20 lots offered by Mr Joel were sold for an aggregate of 3,937,200 guineas. This represents an average of 196,860 guineas.

The other highlight of the afternoon was the sale of 18 mares offered by the agency of the Swettenham Stud. These are owned in partnership by Stavros Niarchos, Robert Sangster, Vincent O'Brien, John Magnier and Danny Schwarz and were sold because Niarchos wished to dispose of his interest in the stock. "Stavro owned 25 per cent across the board," said Sangster. "The rest of us have varying interests in different mares."

Eighteen lots were sold for an aggregate of 2,439,000 guineas, which was an average of 135,500 guineas. The highest price was the 380,000 guineas paid for Gala Parade, an unraced two-year-old filly by Alydar out of Galletto. She was purchased by Peter Wragg for an unknown client.

Earlier in the afternoon the BBA and the National Stud had staged a parade of stallions. These included Damister, Petoski, Final Straw and Rousillon.

WORCESTER

Selections

By Mandarin

12.30 Framlington Court.
1.00 Atataho.
1.30 PLAID (nap).
2.00 Doubleuagain.
2.30 Suez.
3.00 Celtic Slave.
3.30 Saint Acton.

By Michael Seely
1.30 Plaid. 3.00 KNOCK HILL (nap).
The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 12.30 FRAMLINGTON COURT.

Guide to our in-line racecard

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Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F-fell. P-pulled up. U-unseated rider. B-brought down. S-slipped up. R-refused). Horse's name (B-blinkers. V-visor. H-hood. E-Eyeshield. C-course winner. D-distance winner. CD-course and distance winner. BF-beaten favourite in latest race). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating. Approximate starting price.

Going: good to soft

12.30 RUSHOCK NOVICE HURDLE (Div I: 3-Y-O: £759: 2m) (20 runners)

1 01111 SPLENDID MAGNOLIA (D) (M Pipe) M Pipe 11-3 .... J Lower (4) 86 5-1
3 BURNING BRIGHT (Mrs E English) D Ringer 10-10 .... D Murphy — —
5 022220 CUCKOO IN THE NEST (B) (Mrs B Watkins) D Elsworth 10-10 .... — 76 10-1
8 DIC TARQUIN (Mrs S Pearson) G H Jones 10-10 .... G Jones — —
10 FINGEST (B) (R Ashford) Miss A King 10-10 .... A Webb
11 0 FORCELLO (BF) (Brtsh Thoroughbred Ltd) G B Balding 10-10 .... G Bradley 89 6-1
13 2 FRAMLINGTON COURT (L Smith) P Walwyn 10-10 .... D Browne ● 99 F3-1
15 3 KING'S CRUSADE (H Mould) D Nicholson 10-10 .... R Dunwoody 91 9-2
18 000/0F RECTORY BOY (W Price) W Price 10-10 .... A Price (7) — —
20 RUBUS (D Thom) D Thom 10-10 .... M Brennan — 14-1
21 U RUE ST JACQUES (D Matkins) B Smart 10-10 .... B Powell — —
22 SAHRAAN (Mrs K Davenport) F Jordan 10-10 .... C Smith — —
23 SELL IT KILROY (Dewfresh Mushrooms) G Huffer 10-10 .... M Dwyer — 12-1
24 SIR PERCY (I Fenni) C Holmes 10-10 .... C Cox (4) — 5-1
25 SPRING PALM (D Hutchinson) R Peacock 10-10 .... K Ryan (7) — —
32 JANE CRAIG (S Griffiths) S Griffiths 10-5 .... C Llewellyn (7) — —
33 MABEL ALICE (Mrs B Mason) P Felgate 10-5 .... S Johnson — —
34 0 MISS HAYMORE (R Barber) R Barber 10-5 .... S Morshead — —
35 0 SUNTAN (M Haigh) P Felgate 10-5 .... R J Beggan — —
36 TUDOR D'OR (K Dancer) M Castell 10-5 .... J D Doyle (4) — —

1985: KOFFI 10-10 P Scudamore (11-8 fav) D Nicholson 21 ran

FORM SPLENDID MAGNOLIA (11-3) continued his run of success with a 4l win over Klosterbrau (10-12) at Bangor (2m 4f, £685, good, Nov 7, 10 ran). CUCKOO IN THE NEST (10-10) seen to best advantage when 7l 2nd to Prasna Mata (11-2) at Fontwell (2m 2f, £685, good to firm, Oct 2, 6 ran). KINGS CRUSADE (11-0) made some eyecatching late progress when 15l 3rd to Ricmar (11-0) at Newbury (2m 100yd, £1876, soft, Nov 21, 16 ran) with FORCELLO (11-0) 1¾l back in 5th, and RUE ST JACQUES (10-7) behind when unseating rider at the last. FRAMLINGTON COURT (11-0) made a promising start when 2½l 2nd to Domarc (10-7) at Newbury (2m 100yd, £1783, soft, Nov 21, 13 ran). SUNTAN (10-1) finished 14l 5th to Deneece (9-7) in a Market Rasen Seller (2m, £722, good, Nov 14, 12 ran).
Selection: FRAMLINGTON COURT

1.0 KEMPSEY CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE (£1,573:2m) (4 runners)

1 244013- ATATAHO (B Snell) J D Roberts 10-12-0 .... N Fearn ● 99 F4-5
3 10P0F/2- CHELSEA ISLAND (D) (W Taylor) W Taylor 11-10-8 .... G Landau 90 5-4
5 400F0/F BEECH COPSE (D Milburn) A Turnell 7-10-0 .... B Galvin — 14-1
6 F02304 SPARTAN NATIVE (D Brereton) A W Jones 6-10-0 .... D Morris 85 12-1

1985: POMPOSITY 8-10-8 C Evans (9-4) R J Smith 4 ran

FORM ATATAHO (11-11) disappointing on final outing of last season when 33l 3rd to Lanacre Bridge (10-8) at Devon (2m 1f, good to firm). Previously (10-0) was clear from the 2nd last when beating Lollipopman (10-0) 15l at Newton Abbot (2m 5f, £2979, soft, May 20, 9 ran). CHELSEA ISLAND (11-5) not seen out since a 4l 2nd to Parish Rigged (12-0) here (3m, £1618, good to firm, Sept '85, 4 ran). BEECH COPSE (10-0) behind when a 9th fence faller in race won by Awning (10-0) at Windsor (2m, £1315, good to soft, Nov 17, 8 ran). SPARTAN NATIVE (10-9) had no chance inside the final mile when a well beaten 4th to Hand Over (11-4) at Haydock (2m 4f Nov Ch, £2290, good to soft, Nov 19, 5 ran).
Selection: ATATAHO

1.30 RUSHOCK NOVICE HURDLE (Div II: 3-Y-O: £721: 2m) (20 runners)

2 ARABIAN BLUES (T Marshall) M Usher 10-10 .... R Strange — —
3 0 ATROMITOS (A Chung) W Turner 10-10 .... Tracey Turner (7) — —
6 ELFAST (J Webber) J Webber 10-10 .... G Mernagh — —
8 FORT LINO (C Lewis) C Holmes 10-10 .... C Cox (4) — 12-1
9 FRANGNITO (B) (Brtsh Thoroughbred Ltd) G B Balding 10-10 .... G Bradley — 7-1
10 FRANK DALE (Mrs R Jones) G H Jones 10-10 .... G Jones — —
11 20 HANKLEY DOWN (Nutwood Publicity) R Hannon 10-10 .... H Davies 96 7-1
12 0 HELVICK BAY (Mrs R Henriques) M Henriques 10-10 .... — — —
14 2 MARETH LINE (Craydale Ltd) M Pipe 10-10 .... P Leach ● 99 F3-1
16 0 OCEAN LAD (P Perrett) J Perrett 10-10 .... — — —
17 PLAID (A Oldrey) P Walwyn 10-10 .... D Browne — 4-1
19 4F RICKESTON LAD (J Knowles) B Palling 10-10 .... C Evans (4) — —
20 0000 RIVERS NEPHEW (Maj N Hambro) L Kennard 10-10 .... B Powell 89 —
22 0 SAXELBYE PARK (J Abell) P Felgate 10-10 .... S Johnson — —
23 SCARBOROUGH (D Roderick) D Roderick 10-10 .... C Seward — —
25 00 STARDUST ROC (E Hayward) J Bradley 10-10 .... G Davies — —
26 043 STORMGUARD (H Joel) A Turnell 10-10 .... Steve Knight 92 5-1
28 3 KELLYANN (R Kelly) W Fisher 10-5 .... C Llewellyn (7) 77 —
29 ON IMPULSE (P Fisher) I Cox 10-5 .... R Dunwoody — 8-1
30 RAJ KUMARI (T Stafford) D Wintle 10-5 .... A Carroll — 14-1

1985: SOLAR CLOUD 10-10 P Scudamore (13-8 fav) D Nicholson 22 ran

FORM STORMGUARD (11-0) was seen to best advantage at Newbury (2m 100yds, £1417, good, Nov 5, 15 ran) when 13½l 4th to Problem Child (10-12) with RIVERS NEPHEW (11-0) 2½l back in 5th and a slightly below par HANKLEY DOWN (11-0) a further 2l away in 6th. Previously HANKLEY DOWN (11-0) finished 4l 2nd to Brent Riverside (10-10) at Ascot (2m, £2299, firm, Oct 29, 10 ran). MARETH LINE (11-0) ran well when 5l 2nd to Arrow Express (11-3) at Haydock (2m, £1148, good to soft, Nov 19, 19 ran) and will improve. PLAID was placed in a couple of listed races on the Flat. KELLYANN (10-2) looked a little one paced when 32l 3rd of 15 to Celtic Chief (11-0) at Newton Abbot (2m 150y, £821, soft, Nov 25) when RICKSTOWN LAD (10-10) fell at the 6th.
Selection: MARETH LINE

2.0 EROSTIN GROUP GREAT BRITAIN V AUSTRALIA HANDICAP CHASE (Rnd 4: £1,332: 2m 4f) (8 runners)

1 00F0/0-0 CROWECOPPER (CD) (Mrs M Price) B Preece 7-11-10 .... H Green (Aus) — 12-1
2 20-0PF3 MEMBRIDGE (P Dufosee) P Dufosee 11-11-8 .... P Barton (GB) — 7-2
3 030-03U DOUBLEUAGAIN (D) (B Clark) C Holmes 12-11-6 .... R Dunwoody (GB) 97 F3-1
4 P/01PPF TAKE A BOW (B) (J Barber) R Barber 10-11-4 .... P Delaney (Aus) 94 4-1
5 3200/00 ROYAL MANX (Bryn Palling Ltd) B Palling 9-11-3 .... P Scudamore (GB) — 10-1
6 00000F- POLAR EXPRESS (C,D) (W King) W King 11-10-13 .... D Cannon (Aus) 96 10-1
7 13443-0 HIGH RIDGE (B,D) (E Lodge) J Perrett 7-10-10 .... H Davies (GB) ● 99 8-1
8 00/0-0 LEGAL SUGAR (H Manners) H Manners 8-10-0 .... N Harnett (Aus) — 14-1

1985: JOHNS PRESENT 7-11-7 N Coleman (9-1) R Holder 18 ran

FORM MEMBRIDGE (10-10) had little chance from 3 out when a distant 3rd to Conquering (11-12) at Newbury (3m, good to soft). Best effort last season (10-0) was when 5l 3rd to Castle Warden (11-0) at Kempton (3m Opp Hcap Ch, £2427, good, Jan 17, 8 ran). DOUBLEUAGAIN (10-4) best effort this season on penultimate start when 6½l 3rd to Rogairio (10-10) at Windsor (3m, £1657, good to soft, Nov 17, 11 ran). TAKE A BOW (10-1) was last successful when beating The Floorlayer (10-7) 6l at Wincanton (2m 5f, £2117, firm, Sept 18, 11 ran). ROYAL MANX (10-3) was never in with a chance when well beaten 6th to Annette's Delight (11-4) at Wolverhampton (2m, £2037, good to soft, Nov 24, 10 ran). POLAR EXPRESS has poor form at the end of last season. Earlier (10-1) successful when beating Cottage Rhythm (11-10) a neck here (3m, £1370, good to firm, Sept '85, 10 ran). HIGH RIDGE (10-4) tailed off behind The Processor (10-5) in a handicap hurdle at Windsor (2m, good to soft). Successful last season (10-4) when beating Fluid (10-4) 5l at Ludlow (2m 4f Nov Hcap Ch, £1048, good, Dec 17, 13 ran). LEGAL SUGAR (11-5) always behind in event won by Bird Of Spirit (11-5) at Leicester (2m Nov Ch, £1348, good, Nov 28, 13 ran).
Selection: HIGH RIDGE

2.30 STRETTON LEISURE HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,591: 2m) (24 runners)

1 000/030- DALBURY (D) (R Smale) A Moore 8-12-1 .... G Moore — —
6 021230- PEARL RUN (D) (R Squires) G Price 5-11-2 .... R Crank 92 —
7 10F-020 AUNTIE DOT (D,BF) (J Webber) J Webber 5-11-2 .... G Mernagh 92 8-1
8 20202-0 BOLD ILLUSION (D) (H Thursfield) M Eckley 8-11-1 .... S Dowling (7) ● 99 12-1
9 2000-21 CRUDEN BAY (D) (P Bradley) P Felgate 6-10-13 (7ex) .... S Johnson 92 6-1
11 41211-P HOW NOW (D) (Elisha Holding) Mrs J Pitman 5-10-11 .... B de Haan 96 7-1
12 3212-01 WHITHER GOEST THOU (D) (Mrs E English) D Ringer 4-10-10 .... D Murphy 94 6-1
13 000409- CONS PAL (D) (F Faulkner) D Wintle 8-10-9 .... A Carroll 88 —
14 001-000 MORNING LINE (CD) (T Purnell) L Kennard 9-10-8 .... B Powell 97 —
16 0011P- SPEND EASY (A Aylett) A Aylett 8-10-5 .... G Jones 86 —
17 023241- DESTROY (CD) (Adept (80)-Ltd) D Elsworth 7-10-3 .... C Brown 89 14-1
18 0/001-00 WILTSHIRE YEOMAN (D) (J Sawyer) P Hayward 6-10-3 .... C Mann 84 —
20 P0/00 GENERAL BREYFAX (J Gilio) M McCourt 8-10-1 .... P Scudamore 89 —
21 0F200/2 SUEZ (CD) (Lord Chelsea) T Forster 7-10-1 .... L Harvey (4) 96 F5-1
22 112302 RISING SOVEREIGN (D) (J Parish) J Parish 8-10-0 .... M Ahern (4) 95 14-1
23 4/40301- END OF THE ROAD (D) (K Parrett) J Perrett 6-10-0 .... G Charles Jones 94 12-1
24 00-4030 ENSIGNS KIT (D) (A Brisbourne) A Brisbourne 11-10-0 .... M Brisbourne 94 —
25 00030-2 BOLD RODERICK (D) (G Richards) Grenville Richards 7-10-0 .... Miss T Davis (7) 94 10-1
27 0-P3011 STEAMY (B,D) (Miss J Reed) D Oughton 5-10-0 .... L Jenkins (7) 86 14-1
29 0F01/P0 LAST TRAIL (D) (M Wilesmith) M Wilesmith 7-10-0 .... J Bryan — —
30 02233/0 KEEP SAUNTERING (CD) (W Turner) W Turner 7-10-0 .... Tracey Turner (7) — —
31 3313- ATTAIN (C Williams) C Williams 4-10-0 .... M Dwyer 89 —
32 41/000-F BARRERA LAD (R Townsend) R Townsend 6-10-0 .... Mr D Townsend (7) — —
33 000/12P- SNOWBALL JIM (D) (Mrs P Hamilton) A Moore 6-10-0 .... Candy Moore (4) 80 —

1985: (2m 4f 110yd) RAGGED ROBIN 5-11-3 H Davies (11-2 jt-fav) T Forster 19 ran

FORM BOLD ILLUSION seemed to be in need of the race on reappearance. Ran best race last season when (10-6) 6l 2nd to Jobroke (11-8) at Aintree (3m, £5439, good to soft, Apr 5, 19 ran). HOW NOW will also come on for seasonal debut and (11-12) beat Golden Beverd (10-12) 3l at Uttoxeter (2m, £685, good, May 15, 15 ran). WHITHER GOEST THOU (10-13) well handicapped when beating Mandavi (11-3) 1l at Plumpton, but faces a stiffer task today (2m, £1380, good to soft, Nov 10, 11 ran). MORNING LINE has shown below form this season. Best effort came last time when a 19l 5th to Arbitrage (10-2) at Taunton (2m 1f, £2254, good to soft, Nov 20, 16 ran). RISING SOVEREIGN placed on Saturday, is dropping down the weights and (10-5) on a 7l defeat of Redgrave Girl (10-8) at Taunton has claims (2m 3f, £1886, good to firm, Oct 23, 15 ran). BOLD RODERICK (10-9) should reverse placings with CRUDEN BAY (10-12) who beat him 7l at Southwell (2m, £1109, good to soft, Nov 18, 12 ran).
Selection: HOW NOW

3.0 LONG HAUL HANDICAP CHASE (£3,038: 3m 5f) (6 runners)

2 411F-04 KNOCK HILL (BF) (P Thompson) J Webber 10-11-7 .... G Mernagh ● 99 4-1
3 12F0-11 CELTIC SLAVE (C) (B Hellyer) T Forster 9-11-7 .... L Harvey (4) 94 F4-5
4 10-1310 FITZHERBERT (A Ford) L Kennard 8-11-6 .... B Powell 93 8-1
5 F2P0-40 GALESBURG (R Jenks) N Gaselee 9-10-9 .... D Browne 85 14-1
7 0B123-0 PLAY THE KNAVE (C) (C de Berry) P Bailey 9-10-0 .... S Morshead 58 7-1
8 00FP-29 SOINTULLA BOY (C) (T Houlbrooke) T Houlbrooke 11-10-4 .... J Bryan 88 20-1

1985: BROOMY BANK 10-11-7 P Barton (12-1) J Edwards 9 ran

FORM KNOCK HILL (10-9) stayed on inside the final ½ mile to be 4½l 4th to Blackhawk Star (10-0) at Haydock (4m, good to soft). Best effort last season (10-5) was when getting up close home to beat Port Askaig (10-5) ¾l at Warwick (4m 1f, £6271, good, Jan 18, 15 ran). CELTIC SLAVE (11-4) is on a hat-trick after beating Mayanncor (10-9) 3l here (3m, £1892, soft, Nov 19, 10 ran). FITZHERBERT (10-0) won on penultimate start when beating Little Polveir (10-7) 8l with Galesburg (10-3) another 10l behind in 4th at Devon (3m 5f, £3837, good, Oct 31, 10 ran). PLAY THE KNAVE (11-1) was a well beaten 5th to Geats An Uisce (10-3) at Windsor (3m, £2587, soft, Nov 8, 11 ran). SOINTULLA BOY (11-5) best effort this season was when 12l 2nd to Final Clear (10-7) at Wolverhampton (3m 1f, £2065, firm, Nov 10, 5 ran).
Selection: KNOCK HILL

3.30 CHERRY ORCHARD NOVICE HANDICAP HURDLE (£993:2m 4f) (16 runners)

2 222233- SAINT ACTON (Mrs E Weinstein) G Balding 5-11-8 .... G Bradley 90 5-1
4 3P-41 STAGHOUND (Mrs C Meadows) D Oughton 4-11-2 (7ex) .... H Davies 93 F6-4
7 4032-01 ANAGMOR'S DAUGHTER (A Raison) K Bishop 5-11-0 (7ex) .... J Frost 86 10-1
8 0P20/3-2 DYLAN'S PRIDE (C Lewis) D Barons 7-10-12 .... P Nicholls ● 99 3-1
9 F31F-BF ANNA'S MITE (J Blakeney) R Blakeney 7-10-10 .... S Shilston — —
10 00300-0 PHAROAH'S TREASURE (A J Bingley Ltd) M McCourt 5-10-10 .... G McCourt 88 —
13 222-4P0 SANDYLA (B) (Mrs E Begonio) D Thom 5-10-8 .... M Brennan 82 —
15 0P0-04 SKYLARK WONDER (A Hunt) L Kennard 4-10-4 .... B Powell 97 8-1
16 0040-0 MARY KATE O'BRIEN (Mrs B Curley) B Curley 5-10-3 .... NON-RUNNER 83 —
18 00/P- AUCTION ROYALE (Mrs S James) A James 7-10-2 .... G Jones — —
19 03000-0 SPEAK NO EVIL (Mrs B Curley) B Curley 6-10-2 .... D Murphy — —
21 040-02 ELLFERANDEM (Mrs E Merridew) S Mellor 6-10-1 .... G Charles Jones 90 6-1
23 P00200/ POLAR ICE (Mrs M Bostock) J Harris 10-10-0 .... J A Harris — —
25 040PP/P HOLLOW LAUGH (M Banks) M Banks 8-10-0 .... D Skyrme (7) — —
26 6FP-009 TRUE POETRY (D Underwood) D Underwood 5-10-0 .... L Harvey (4) — —
27 00-0 PADDY'S GLOSS (Mrs E Jones) Earl Jones 5-10-0 .... S J O'Neill — —

1985: No corresponding race

FORM SAINT ACTON (10-10) ran some good races in defeat last season, including a 10l 2nd to Ten Plus (11-8) at Cheltenham (2m 4f, £2089, soft, Jan 1, 13 ran). STAGHOUND (10-4) was ridden out to beat None Too Dear (11-2) in a competitive looking field at Sandown last time (2m, £2787, good to soft, Nov 28, 9 ran). ANAGMOR'S DAUGHTER (10-8) ran on to beat Brianogan (10-12) 5½l at Wincanton (2m 6f, £1265, good to soft, Nov 13, 22 ran) with TRUE POETRY (10-7) prominent early until weakening. DYLAN'S PRIDE (11-7) finished 7l 2nd to Henry Lancaster (9-12) at Warwick (2m 5f, £833, good to soft, Nov 27, 21 ran) with SPEAK NO EVIL (10-11) well beaten. ELLFERANDEM (10-12) was given a hard race when 15l 2nd to Mzima Spring (11-3) at Taunton (2m 1f, £524, good to soft, Nov 20, 14 ran).
Selection: STAGHOUND

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per Cent
L Kennard	24	104	23.1
D Nicholson	24	123	19.5
T Forster	19	126	15.1

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per Cent
P Scudamore	36	216	16.7
H Davies	28	190	14.7
G McCourt	14	108	13.0
S Smith Eccles	9	84	10.7
S Morshead	15	152	9.9

Only qualifiers

HEXHAM

Selections

By Mandarin

12.45 Quay Man.
1.15 Bounty's Clown.
1.45 Tartan Torchlight.
2.15 Of That Ilk.
2.45 Mr Spot.
3.15 Secret Walk.

Michael Seely's selection: 3.15 Night Guest.

Going: good (back straight good to soft)

12.45 PRIESTPOPPLE HANDICAP CHASE (£1,190: 2m) (7 runners)

2 4D122-3 QUAY MAN (B,D) (Mrs M Greenshields) J S Wilson 11-11-10 .... M Bowlby (4) 96 3-1
3 021110- RAM THE THOR (CD) (Mrs F Walton) F Walton 11-11-9 .... Mr J Walton 95 8-1
4 1/32-144 THE HOWLET (CD,BF) (W Wilson) J Oliver 7-10-13 .... J K Kinane 93 F5-2
5 13PP-30 COEUR VALLIANT (CD) (R Adamson) V Thompson 8-10-12 .... Mr M Thompson (4) 98 10-1
7 0-42441 MENDELITA (B,D) (Capt P Courage) P Courage 10-10-8 (8ex) .... A Stringer 90 7-2
10 40/0P2P- GROUND MASTER (D) (C Bell) C Bell 9-10-0 .... C Grant ● 99 8-1
11 2441-00 VICTORY MORN (Mrs E Dixon) J Dixon 10-10-0 .... K Doolan 86 14-1

1985: SAUCEPOT 7-10-6 J Hansen (3-1 jt-fav) G Richards 6 ran

1.15 EASTGATE NOVICE HURDLE (Amateurs: £548: 2m 4f) (13 runners)

1 030/0-01 BOUNTY'S CLOWN (R Shiels) R Shiels 6-11-12 .... R Shiels (7) ● 99 7-2
2 220-213 CHRISTMAS HOLLY (R Wood) Mrs G Reveley 5-11-12 .... J Osbourne (7) 98 F3-1
3 024-201 PLEDGDON GREEN (R Adamson) V Thompson 6-11-12 .... M Thompson (7) 82 4-1
7 00P- CAPTAIN MONTY (Mrs A Page) W Page 5-11-5 .... P Craggs — —
10 P06 KARLS CHERRY (C Rennison) W Storey 7-11-5 .... Miss F Storey (7) — —
12 MELROSIAN (J Stacklock) J Haldane 6-11-5 .... L Hudson (7) — —
15 0/0 PARK PRINCE (W Stephenson) W A Stephenson 5-11-5 .... P Johnson (7) — —
17 PERMANENT WAY (A Green) Miss M Bell 4-11-5 .... T Reed — 8-1
18 F3F-000 PRINCE SOL (V Thompson) V Thompson 7-11-5 .... J Walton 80 —
19 000 QUEENS PATTERN (Mrs M Dawson) P Beaumont 9-11-5 .... Miss A Beaumont (7) 83 —
20 000F-0 RUFF RIDER (Greer & Bell Television) Mrs S Austin 4-11-5 .... H Brown (7) — —
22 0020-0 WORTHY KNIGHT (I Mennie) B McLean 5-11-5 .... A Orkney (7) 90 6-1
23 0 LIGHTER SHADE (B Heslop) W Reed 4-11-0 .... M Sowersby (7) — 10-1

1985: SAN CARLOS BAY 4-10-12 P Niven (9-4) A Stephenson 17 ran

1.45 RACING POST TOP OF THE NORTH NOVICE CHASE (Qualifier: £1,211: 2m) (16 runners)

1 F03F0-1 IMPAGE (D) (D Nicholson) S Leadbetter 8-11-7 .... — 98 6-1
2 124300- ALKEPA (J Burgess) G Moore 6-11-2 .... M Hammond — 8-1
3 040-020 AUCKLAND EXPRESS (M Thompson) V Thompson 6-11-2 .... Mr M Thompson (4) 83 —
4 40-0000 BORDEAUX ROUGE (P Doherty) E Carter 5-11-2 .... M Pepper — —
7 030-3 ECHO BEACH (Denys Smith) Denys Smith 5-11-2 .... — — 6-1
8 00000-3 FRED ASTAIRE (Maj I Straker) N Crump 5-11-2 .... C Hawkins 90 F5-1
9 040-0U4 GENNARO (B) (P Warne) M Naughton 6-11-2 .... C Grant — 10-1
10 34433-3 IDA'S DELIGHT (H Proud) J Charlton 7-11-2 .... R Earnshaw 93 —
11 3PP3P-U LUCKY FEN (Mrs H Ballard) C Tinkler 6-11-2 .... A Stringer — —
12 U LUKE TREWARNE (B) (R Price) W Storey 6-11-2 .... N McCormack — —
13 22/P20-4 MIGHTY MARK (Mrs F Walton) F Walton 7-11-2 .... Mr J Walton ● 99 —
14 2FFP-43 PARAGLO (C Sample) W Sample 8-11-2 .... Mr C Sample 96 10-1
15 000-222 TARTAN TORCHLIGHT (Edinburgh Woollen Mill Ltd) G Richards 6-11-2 .... P Tuck — F4-1
16 4-0404U WELSH SPIRIT (W Stephenson) W A Stephenson 7-11-2 .... Mr P Johnson (7) — 8-1
18 0000/P0 OCRAS (D Hodgson) D Hodgson 7-10-11 .... K Doolan — —
20 00/00-UF SWOP SHOP (J Lane) H Wharton 7-10-11 .... D Wilkinson — —

1985: No corresponding race

2.15 BATTLE HILL CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£588: 3m) (10 runners)

3 00P-000 AMBERWELL (C,D) (Mrs P Bevan) P Bevan 10-11-7 .... — 92 —
6 0FU-P2P MASTER CROFT (D McCain) D McCain 9-10-13 .... A Murphy — 6-1
7 03P/P03- BARLEY BRAKE (R Barr) R Barr 10-10-13 .... — 90 3-1
8 00000-0 MAGICAL MOMENT (A Carruthers) N Bycroft 6-10-13 .... R Garrity 91 —
9 31000/ YOUNG ADVENTURER (Mrs M Lamb) D Lamb 7-10-12 .... A Merrigan — —
10 2/PP4-00 AVANTIE (B,C) (Taggart & Wilson Ltd) J S Wilson 10-10-10 .... M Bowlby ● 99 F6-4
11 2404-4F OF THAT ILK (Mrs J Weir) Mrs J Weir 6-10-7 .... C Dennis 88 9-2
12 0PP/PUP WATCHKNOWE LAD (W Young) W Young 8-10-7 .... D Jones — —
13 F0-0400 DOMANUS (V Thompson) V Thompson 5-10-7 .... J O'Gorman 84 8-1
14 00000-0 PETE AND DUD (Mrs P Rennison) W Storey 7-10-7 .... D Telfer — 10-1

1985: HIGH BARN 6-10-6 S Turner (15-2) B Charnley 10 ran

2.45 HENCOTES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,085: 3m) (9 runners)

1 2024P0- RICHDEE (D) (Miss D Dalzell) N Crump 10-12-5 .... C Hawkins ● 99 8-1
3 31121-4 MR SPOT (D) (R Shiels) R Shiels 9-11-4 .... Mr R Shiels (7) 97 6-1
4 2P-2F42 REJUVENATOR (Mrs T Metcalfe) G Richards 10-11-0 .... P Tuck 98 F7-2
6 D40P13- ROYAL BOWLER (Miss J Palmer) J Charlton 7-10-13 .... R Earnshaw 87 7-1
7 1204-24 MR BAKER (A Barrett) J Jefferson 8-10-8 .... C Grant 91 5-1
9 0U0/P00- STRAWHILL (CD) (Mrs L Ford) E Alston 11-10-6 .... K Doolan — 14-1
10 12444R MELEREK (D) (Mrs J Jordan) G Moore 11-10-6 .... M Hammond 90 8-1
11 2-PB3PF CLONROCHE STREAM (M Thompson) V Thompson 7-10-6 .... Mr M Thompson (4) 95 10-1
13 00-3210 ROYAL CAMLIT (Mrs S Ward) Mrs S Ward 9-10-0 .... G Harker 86 4-1

1985: SUCCEEDED 8-11-2 K Jones (8-1) W A Stephenson 11 ran

3.15 PRIESTLANDS HANDICAP HURDLE (£911: 2m) (16 runners)

1 411-000 SECRET WALK (CD) (Hathaway Roofing Ltd) W A Stephenson 5-12-0 .... D Condell 98 8-1
2 24/03PP- MOUNT RULE (CD) (D Goose) C Bell 6-11-12 .... Mr J Osborne (7) 95 —
3 1031-00 RAMPANT (CD) (Mrs R Barr) R Barr 7-11-10 .... Mr H Brown (7) 90 —
5 210-P00 ADARE (D) (D Hodgson) D Hodgson 7-11-8 .... K Doolan — —
7 3-14044 DUKE OF DOLLIS (D) (B Ritchie) W Storey 7-11-7 .... D Telfer (7) 95 11-2
8 0311/23- COOL JAMIE (D) (T Beaty) R Allan 5-11-6 .... — 90 12-1
10 0021-00 MATELOT (CD) (B Sommerville) M Naughton 4-11-2 .... C Grant 86 —
11 2128/00- COOL ANDY (CD) (H Rebanks) H Rebanks 8-11-1 .... G Harker — —
12 4-0110P ATKINSONS (D,BF) (Mrs T Metcalfe) G Richards 5-11-1 .... P Tuck 94 4-1
13 000-030 TEUCER (CD) (R Adamson) V Thompson 6-10-11 .... Mr M Thompson (4) ● 99 6-1
14 210-334 ABSONANT (D) (Mrs A Shaw) Mrs G Reveley 4-10-11 .... P Niven (4) 97 5-1
15 01-00P1 NIGHT GUEST (CD) (J Flodes) P Monteith 4-10-11 (5ex) .... D Nolan 98 F3-1
16 201-F00 GOLDEN SECRET (R Day) D Moffatt 4-10-6 .... K Teelan 92 —
17 223003 SPECIAL SETTLEMENT (D) (T Beaty) R Allan 5-10-3 .... — 98 8-1
18 30020/0 LITTLE TEMPEST (D) (Mrs G Young) Mrs A Bell 7-10-1 .... A Stringer — —
19 03000-0 LITTLE NEWINGTON (Capes Man Ser Ltd) N Bycroft 5-10-0 .... M Pepper — —

1985: SECRET WALK 4-10-3 K Jones (9-1) W A Stephenson 11 ran

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per Cent
J S Wilson	9	29	31.0
G Richards	21	91	23.1
J Oliver	9	39	23.1
P Monteith	6	31	19.4

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per Cent
C Grant	23	113	20.4
P Tuck	14	83	16.9

Only qualifiers

Windsor criticized in racecourse review

Royal Windsor is anything but regal according to a survey just published in the *1987 Directory of the Turf*. Eighteen racing journalists were asked their opinions on Britain's racecourses and Windsor was condemned as the worst in the country.

The course came bottom in six of the 11 categories with facilities in the Members' and Tattersalls enclosures heavily criticized, as were the viewing positions, car parking areas, bars and general cleanliness.

However, Windsor's managing director, Jack Knight, was not downhearted by the verdict, rather considering it the price to be paid for the course's success in attracting huge crowds to its immensely popular summer evening fixtures.

Constraints of space tend to pack the crowds together, reasons Knight, which accentuate the problems. Smaller crowds would mean fewer difficlties, but it is one solution he will not be pursuing.

One point Knight might have made is that while Windsor is not the best course in the country, which he readily concedes, he may feel that a small number of people who rarely pay to go racing are not necessarily the ideal arbiters of what the paying customer wants.

While the crowds continue to flock to the riverside course he can claim, with some justification, to be doing something right. Folkestone disputed the second worst position with Goodwood, a disappointing result for such a major venue.

Goodwood came bottom in the seated accomodation category, a severe criticism of its relatively new stand.

Ascot came out best with Sandown, voted the Racecourse of the Year in the Racegoers Club poll, and York just behind. Leopardstown, Phoenix Park and the Curragh were the most popular Irish tracks.

Stewards anger Gifford

Josh Gifford saddled Musical Mystery to win the first division of the Greenwich Novices' Hurdle at Fontwell Park yesterday but was in an angry mood after the stewards had held an inquiry into the horse's performance compared with his previous run.

Musical Mystery had been a disappointing favourite when reappearing at Wincanton in mid-November but Gifford, highly indignant at being sent for, said: "Surely they can expect improvement on a horse's first run of the season."

Gifford gave Musical Mystery only a couple of runs last year and added: "I wanted to keep him a maiden. He jumped like a buck today and if Fourth Tudor had not been in the race he would have won very easily. The third horse was another 12 lengths further behind. I'll give mine another couple of races and think about better things after Christmas."

The explanations of Gifford and his jockey, Richard Rowe, were accepted but the trainer was still arguing with officials after the inquiry was over. However, the feeling among racegoers was that the stewards were right to ask questions as Musical Mystery had been beaten nearly 50 lengths at Wincanton.

Gifford and Rowe completed a double when Royal Gambit, the odds-on favourite, followed up his recent Huntingdon success in the novice chase.

Dark Raven to extend his record

By Our Irish Racing Correspondent

Dark Raven, second favourite at 6-1 for the Champion Hurdle, reappears over jumps in the Newbridge Hurdle at Naas this afternoon. Last season he proved himself an outstanding juvenile, putting together an unbeaten record of four wins, topped by a four-length victory over Raretylo in the Glenlivet Hurdle at Liverpool.

His trainer, Dermot Weld, believes that he was overrated by the English handicapper and that his Irish counterpart had a more accurate opinion of his true ability. That view will be tested this afternoon as Dark Raven's principal rival, Bonalma, actually meets him on 3lb better terms than he would in an Irish handicap.

Bonalma won the final running of the Sweeps Handicap Hurdle at Leopardstown in January but it would be a shock if Dark Raven lost his unbeaten record today as he has been nicely tuned up with two recent races on the Flat.

In the latest issue of the *Irish Racing Annual*, published in Dublin yesterday, Edward O'Grady nominated Go For It as his National Hunt horse to follow. In his words: "She has the potential to make a high-class staying hurdler." If that is her future, then Go For It should be well suited by the two miles and three furlongs of the Kilcullen Mares Maiden Hurdle.

Another jumper with a big reputation is Knockelly Castle, trained by Paddy Prendergast. A winner on the Flat and over hurdles, he makes his debut over fences in the Kildare Novices' Chase.

Fontwell results

Going: good to soft

1.0 (2m 2f 110yd ch) 1, **DOWNPAYMENT** (Penny Ffitch-Heyes, 14-1); 2, Braven (S Woods, 11-10 fav); 3, Graiguenamanagh (B Dowling, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 8 Shotang (f), 9 Fine Raise (f), Who's Driving (f), 14 Annagh Glow (f), 16 Fairly Merry (5th), 20 Nero Wolf (f), Stretch Out (4th), 33 Ernie's Keep (f), Hillbilly (f), Uncle Dai (pu), Rachel Street (bd). 14 ran. nk, 20l, 12l, not recorded. M Bolton at East Grinstead. Tote: £12.30; £2.60, £1.70, £2.30. DF: £18.30. CSF: £29.92. No bid for winner.

1.30 (2m 2f hdle) 1, **MUSICAL MYSTERY** (R Rowe, 3-1 fav); 2, Fourth Tudor (G McCourt, 11-2); 3, Treble Chance (C Brown, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 5 Mount Tumbledown (6th), 6 Camden Belle (4th), 10 Virginia Pageant, 11 Betty's Pearl (5th), 12 Sitting Bull, 20 Fleet Special, 66 Abou-Aziz (pu) Honks (pu), Royal Nap (pu), Elizabeth Fry (pu), La Chimie (pu). 14 ran. nk, 12l, 15l, 15l, hd. J Gifford at Findon. Tote: £3.70; £1.90, £2.40, £1.90. DF: £11.30. CSF: £19.73. NR: Sumciel.

2.0 (2m 2f 110yd ch) 1, **FEARLESS IMP** (B Powell, 10-1); 2, Autumn Zulu (R Rowell (7-4 jt-fav); 3, Claude Monet (P Barton, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 7-4 jt-fav Majuba Road (5th), 5 Bright Morning (4th) 5 ran. 5l, ¾l, 2l, 15l. R Shepherd at Devizes. Tote: £6.60; £2.90, £1.10. DF: £7.60. CSF: £26.18.

2.30 (2m 2f hdle) 1, **CAWARRA LAD** (C Cox, 8-1); 2, Belfalas Lad (M Perrett, 10-1); 3, Hawser (A Madgwick, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Private Views (pu), 11-4 Predominate (6th), 7 Owen's Pride (pu), 8 Goodman Point (4th), Marshall Key (5th), 16 Jade And Diamond, 33 Capistrano Prince, 50 Courageous Charger (f). 11 ran. 20l, 7l, 3l, 4l, ½l. C James at Newbury. Tote: £8.90; £2.80, £3.20, £2.50. DF: £31.00. CSF: £79.68. Tricast: £2,278.58.

3.0 (3m 2f 110yd ch) 1, **ROYAL GAMBIT** (R Rowe, 8-13 fav); 2, Texas Turkey (M Perrett, 8-1), 3, The Thirsty Farmer (P Murphy, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 7 Rodger Dell (f), 16 Jury Action (f), Valmai (f), 50 High Blend (f), Glenbane Lady (f) fell. 9 ran. 3l, distance. J Gifford at Findon. Tote: £1.40; £1.10, £1.40, £1.30. DF: £3.20. CSF: £6.33.

3.30 (2m 2f hdle) 1, **TIVIAN** (M Perrett, 10-11 fav); 2, Dream Merchant (M Kinane, 8-1); 3, Tarrakan (Peter Hobbs, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Crimson Bold (6th), 8 Mexican Mill, 33 Another Bing (5th), 50 Kabuli, 66 Barnes Star (4th), Chevening, Scylla's Chip (f), Wordel, Another Floss. 12 ran. ¾l, 15l, 5l, 2l, 1½l. I Matthews at Newmarket. Tote: £1.90; places £1.10, £2.00, £3.60. DF: £4.30. CSF: £7.97.

Placepot: £42.95.

Hereford

Going: good to soft

12.15 (2m hdle) 1, **RUBY FLIGHT** (J Bryan, 14-1); 2, Fill The Jug (C Gray, 5-1); 3, Dolly (Candy Moore, 4-1 jt-fav). ALSO RAN: 4-1 jt-favs Gemini Stone, Tudor Tulip (f), 9 C B M Girl (pu), 12 Chance Partner (4th), 14 Right You Be, 25 General's Girl (pu), Poets Day (5th), 33 Miss Monroe (pu), Not Enough (6th), Only Trouble (ur), 50 Embrace, El Pato, Marcy (pu), Swinging Christmas (pu). 17 ran. 25l, hd, 10l, 4l, 15l. R Eckley at Kington. Tote: £14.20; £3.40, £1.70, £1.80. DF (winner or second with any other horse): £1.90. CSF: £81.01.

12.45 (2m hdle) 1, **TRACK MARSHALL** (A Gardner, 4-1); 2, Reluctant Gift (T Wooley, 20-1); 3, Wilsanub (D Burchell, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 7-4 fav Symbiotic (6th), 6 Our Chicklette (4th), 7 Donnal Deux (ur), 10 La Charmit (f), 16 Hobournes Girl (pu), 50 Sussex Overseas (5th), Mr Panache (pu). 10 ran. 2½l, 3l, 1l, 30l, dist. D Williams at Stourbridge. Tote: £3.00; £1.10, £4.50, £3.70. DF: £43.50. CSF: £63.86. Winner bought in for 1,600gns.

1.15 (2m 4f ch) 1, **LARRY-O** (P Scudamore, 6-4 fav); 2, Cathy's Pal (A Sharpe, 5-1); 3, Llanpadrig (M Bowlby, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Stand Firm (f), 7 Samshu (5th), 8 Quarter Town, 12 Bryma (4th), 25 Coyor (f), Willie Ally (pu), 33 Lucky Michael (pu), Mitre House (pu). 11 ran. 6l, 5l, 20l, 15l. F Winter at Lambourn. Tote: £3.20; £2.90, £2.10, £2.20. DF: £5.00. CSF: £10.76. After a stewards' inquiry the result stood.

1.45 (2m hdle) 1, **TASHONYA** (N Harnett, 25-1); 2, Ritz Woodcock (P Scudamore, 7-2); 3, Man O'Magic (P Delaney, 13-2). ALSO RAN: 4-6 fav Prince Ramboiro (f), 12 Taglo (4th), 25 Carol Harbour (6th), 33 Green Spider (5th). 7 ran. NR: Little Sloop. nk, 4l, dist, 20l, 20l. B Wells at Kidderminster. Tote: £15.90; £6.70, £2.40. DF: £26.40. CSF: £100.97.

2.15 (3m 1f ch) 1, **MAYANNCOR** (R Crank, 3-1); 2, Coney Glen (G Mernagh, 12-1); 3, Conquering (P Scudamore, 4-6 fav). ALSO RAN: 7 Mithras (f), 33 Trusty Catcher (pu), 50 Vulrory's Pie (4th). 6 ran. 7l, 1½l, dist. D Williams at Stourbridge. Tote: £3.30; £1.70, £1.40. DF: £14.10. CSF: £28.87. NR: Mount Oliver.

2.45 (2m hdle) 1, **CINDIE GIRL** (M Harrington, 3-1); 2, Model Lady (S J O'Neill, 4-1); 3, Light Venture (R Hyett, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Annie Ra (f), 8 Amethea (4th), 20 Actia (6th), Pronuptia Bride, Ruths Love, Simon Beverd (5th), Winnetka, 25 Sweet Storm, 33 Sovereignino (pu), 50 Vulgaris, I Appeal, Scaldino, Woodlands Rentagen (pu). 16 ran. NR: St Anio. 20l, ¾l, 20l, 1l, ½l. S Mellor at Lambourn. Tote: £3.70; £1.90, £1.40, £6.90. DF: £7.70. CSF: £14.88.

3.15 (2m 4f hdle) 1, **MERRY TOM** (A Price, 12-1); 2, Henry Lancaster (Samantha Dunster, 11-4 fav); 3, Sweet Start (S Morshead, 16-1); 4, Miss Christopher (A Dicks, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Flanker (pu), 5 Ivanter, 9 Unicol (6th), 14 Koffey Bay, 16 Hobournes (pu), Pentigli (pu), 20 Falkland Conqueror (5th), Karamoun (pu), Little Rosie, Shakira Grove, 25 Ridgeway Girl, 33 Lift High, Clear Magic (pu), Corn Merchant (pu), Shahdaroba, Kessie-Bee. 20 ran. 7l, 5l, 1l, 25l, 4l. William Price at Ebbw Vale. Tote: £15.60; £1.50, £1.80, £3.30, £4.00. DF: £76.80. CSF: £47.62. Tricast: £520.42.

Placepot: £164.60

YACHTING

Crusader chalks up a win thanks to the drawing-board boys

From Keith Wheatley, Fremantle

White Crusader showed that she had benefited substantially from her lay-off modifications. Her win over Eagle was never in doubt and the final margin of over five minutes could have been greater but for some very conservative sailing from skipper Harold Cudmore and helmsman Chris Law.

"We chose small genoas and dropped the spinnakers very early at each leeward mark. We were just pleased that there were no gremlins on board," said Law. "The boat felt beautiful. Just terrific." White Crusader did break a rudder flap but it had no effect on performance. "White Crusader had better balance and stability. The hull is much sweeter after the modifications to bow and stern. The shore party deserve everyone's congratulations."

In the first five minutes of the pre-start manoeuvres White Crusader avoided all contact with Eagle. "We engaged them at the five minute gun and opted for the leeward berth," Law said. "It was never aggressive with us. We were counting on a starboard shift early on."

That happened half-way up the first leg when the wind went from 223 to 210 degrees. "We felt very comfortable the whole way around," added Law. White Crusader showed that the modifications to her keel and the newly flared bow — a la French Kiss — have made her a much faster boat. Against Eagle, herself the recipient of a new keel, Harry Cudmore demonstrated his boat to be much improved from her last configuration.

Each windward leg gave the British about another minute over Eagle. The margins were 1min 19sec at the first windward mark, 2min 23sec at the second and 4min 19sec at the third. Cudmore has said that he's not worried about downwind speed — "you beat them uphill," he says.

Elsewhere on the three courses, lay-off modifications seemed to be paying off. Steak 'n' Kidney, boasting a new keel but without a win — except in the protest room — in the defender series, completely outclassed South Australia. The Sydney yacht lost the start, definitely an area of weakness with helmsman Fred Neill, but thereafter increased her lead over South Australia by nearly 40 seconds on each leg. The final result must have been a worry in Stockholm, where a Swedish syndicate have just concluded the purchase of the Adelaide boat.

It was a day of in-house racing for the two Kookaburras. As always it was a close contest, Kookaburra II leading by 15 seconds at the first mark but never increasing her margin thereafter. At the third windward it was down to two seconds. Downwind Iain Murray overhauled Peter Gilmour on Kooka II. At the final leeward mark he had reversed the lead and put Kooka III, 23 seconds in front. At the finish line it was Murray by 32 seconds. Australia IV had a bye as a consequence of Australia III's withdrawal.

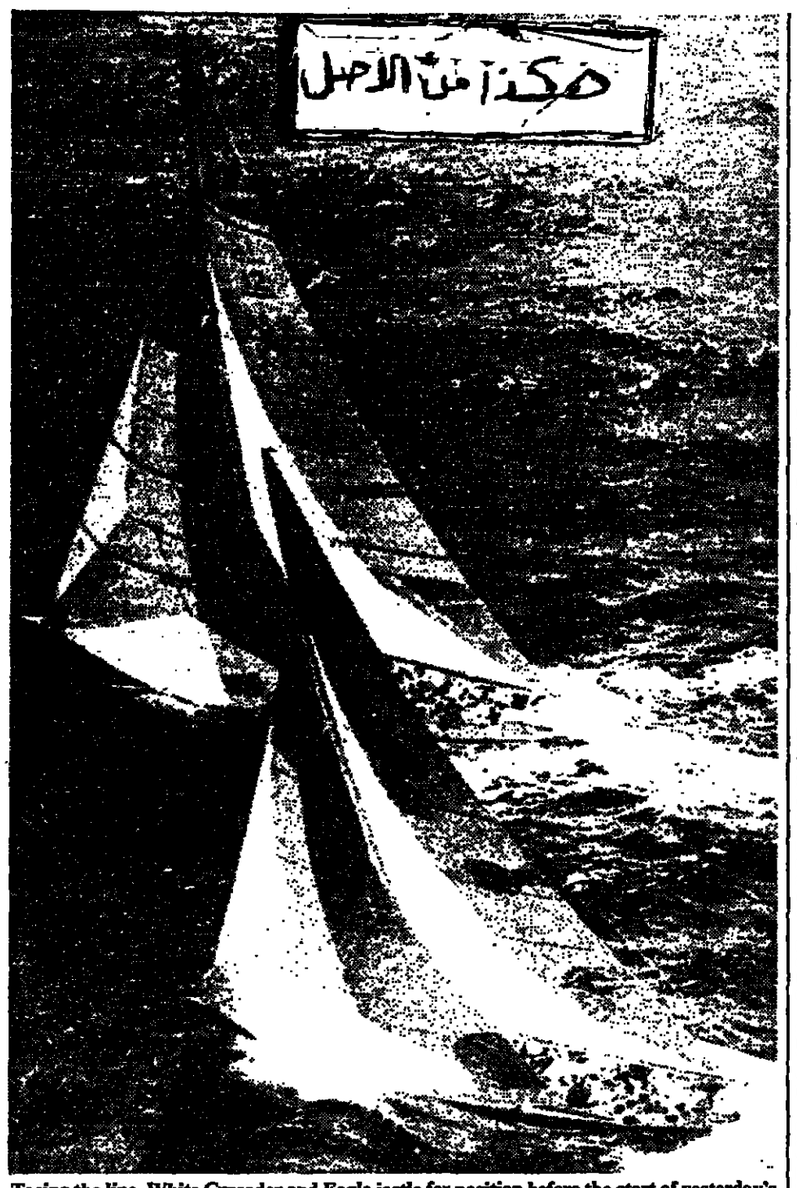
It was a disappointing day for Tom Blackaller aboard the radical USA. The first tow legs of the race against Italia were close, with USA 10 seconds in front at the top mark and nine seconds at the first leeward. At this point the spinnaker fouled and went under the boat, costing Blackaller a vital race against one of his opponents for a semi-final race. At the next mark the Italians were two minutes in front and never looked back. In the final leg USA had major genoa problems and a rout became a farce.

CHALLENGER RESULTS: Heart of America bt America II, 56sec; White Crusader bt Eagle, 5min 14sec; Stars and Stripes bt Canada II, 3:46; New Zealand bt Challenge France, 7:29; French Kiss bt Azzurra, 3:42; Italia bt USA, 12:39.

	W	L	Pts
New Zealand	23	1	78
Stars and Stripes	19	5	58
French Kiss	14	10	57
America II	20	4	56
White Crusader	16	8	55
USA	15	9	43
Italia	12	12	38
Canada II	11	13	31
Heart of America	6	18	25
Eagle	8	16	24
Azzurra	3	21	11
Challenge France	2	22	2

TODAY'S RACES: New Zealand v Heart of America; America II v Stars and Stripes; Azzurra v Italia; Challenge France v USA; White Crusader v French Kiss; Canada II v Eagle.

DEFENDER RESULTS: Kookaburra III bt Kookaburra II, 32sec; Steak 'n'Kidney bt South Australia 5min 54sec.
DEFENDER POINTS: Kookaburra III 32, Australia IV 23, Kookaburra II 19, South Australia, 8, Steak 'n' Kidney, 3.
TODAY'S RACES: South Australia v Kookaburra II; Australia IV v Steak 'n' Kidney; Kookaburra III, bye.



Toeing the line. White Crusader and Eagle jostle for position before the start of yesterday's race.

'Wizard' works his magic

Buddy Melges, the grandfather skipper from America's mid-west, provided the America's Cup trials biggest upset to date when he beat America II by almost a minute in the first day of the third and final Round Robin (Keith Wheatley writes from Fremantle).

There will be near panic in the New York Yacht Club compound tonight. The big question is whether Melges has improved his boat out of all recognition or, just as likely, America II has been inadvertantly de-tuned during the lay-off period.

The skipper, John Kolius, spoke on Monday of the 'lead roulette' being played with the keel of America II and on the same day a new mast was stepped. As Warren Jones, the supremo in the Boad camp, is fond of saying, it is as easy to make a 12-metre go slower as make it faster.

The race started under blue skies and with a classic 18knot sea-breeze from the South West. America II, sailed by Kolius, took an agressive start by the narrowest of margins, one second, from Heart of America. Up the first beat Kolius was able to stay in front only by virtue of having been slightly better positioned across the start line. At the top mark Melges and his team were right on the tail of America II, just 10 seconds behind.

The Chicago 12-metre underwent major surgery to her keel during the lay-off period. Melges described it as: "new triplets under the winglets of the keel. She's not skidding down out of a tack anymore but still feels tender." Asked after the race what a 'triplet' was the euphoric Melges replied: "It goes on the end of a winglet. I hope it's not a flash in the pan. It's a little late in the day for that. I hope it's Heart of America that's speeding up and not America II that's slowing down." Whatever the specifics of the work on Heart of America they delivered the goods in speed terms. On the first run, the hardest leg on which to overtake an opponent, Heart of America swept past Kolius and the worried-looking crew on America II.

Melges is an Olympic gold-medal winner in Star dinghies and, although aged 57, is one of the hardest competitors in international yachting. If his Fremantle rivals had almost written Melges off it was because of the boat's slowness, not a lack of respect for his sailing abilities. In yachting circles he is universally known as 'the Wizard of Zenda', a reference to the small lakeside town where he runs a boat-building business. "Zenda is not the end of the world but you can see it from there," runs a favourite Melges gag.

At the bottom mark it was Heart of America by a nine second margin. Up the second work the two white yachts broke out of phase to opposite sides of the course. It was hard to pick the leader from the weather mark but at each cross Melges pushed the yacht farther in front.

As the wind freshened, Heart of America seemed to gain a little pace. Melges said a week ago that their big gamble for a place in the semi-finals was a big breeze every day and a new keel. As the Americans say, he looked like a man who had rolled a natural seven. At the second weather mark, Heart of America was 34 seconds in front. On the two reaches she seemed in a little bit of trouble, her lead dropping by eight seconds on each of the two legs. But at the second leeward, with the breeze now hitting 22knots, she was still a combative 19 seconds in front.

SKIING

Girardelli defies handicap

Val d'Isere (AFP) — Marc Girardelli, the World Cup holder, who dislocated his left shoulder in a fall on Saturday's special slalom, the first European event in the 1986-87 season, was fastest in practice here yesterday for Friday's downhill.

The Austrian, who now competes for Luxembourg, had already defied doctors' advice to take a fortnight's rest by competing in Sunday's giant slalom at Sestrieres, Italy, although he was clearly handicapped by his injury and unable to qualify for the second run.

"I still cannot lift my left arm completely, but that does not get in the way for a downhill," he said after racing down the famous O.K. piste in 2min 3.26sec. "I'll be fine in two days," he added.

Michael Mair, of Italy, was just three hundredths of a second slower and Pirmin Zurbriggen, of Switzerland who took a spectacular tumble here last year, was 0.22sec behind. "I didn't take any risks," he said, "although the snow, particularly over the bottom half, made it very easy." Zurbriggen, hampered by injury in his battle with Girardelli last year, won one of the two downhills raced in Argentina in August.

Peter Müller, another Swiss who won that other downhill in Argentina and is twice World Cup holder in the speciality, was fourth fastest, 0.3sec off the pace.

LEADING TIMES: 1, M Girardelli (Lux), 2min 03.26sec; 2, M Mair (It), 2:03.29; 3, P Zurbriggen (Switz), 2:03.48; 4, P Müller (Switz), 2:03.56; 5, H Hoeflehner (Aust), 2:03.82; 6, D Sebardellotto (It), 2:04.04; 7, M Wasmeier (WG), 2:04.13; 8, C Cattaneo (Switz), 2:04.18; 9, T Brocker (Can), 2:04.32; 10, R Huber (Aust), 2:04.41; 11, B Kernen (Switz), 2:04.42; 12, G Pfaffenbichler (Aust), 2:04.46; 13, P Duerr (WG), 2:04.55; 14, K Alpiger (Switz), 2:04.57; 15, D Magrer (Switz), 2:04.67.

● Belgrade — Thieves stole four pairs of special skis from Rok Petrovic, the reigning champion in the World Cup special slalom, and a team-mate, in a case of "industrial espionage," Tanjug, the state news agency reported yesterday.

● **Homespare Bolton, searching for their first Carlsberg National League win of the season, will be without their top player Rod Kittles for their tough first division match at Birmingham Bullets on Saturday. Kittles starts a seven-day suspension after being sent off in a friendly against Murray International in Edinburgh last month.**

ATHLETICS

A £75,250 helping hand for leagues

By Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent

There are signs of a new mood at the Amateur Athletic Association — something approaching voluntary revelation of facts and figures, probably not unconnected with Saturday's annual meeting showdown, with member-clubs demanding more details of commercial transactions.

It may seem only a minor point, but referring to prize-money, rather than to euphemistic "grants" or "subventions", at yesterday's Press conference to announce a £75,250 sponsorship by BFC Trust for the area track and field leagues in Britain is a symptom of the new mood.

The AAA, rather like the City of London, are gradually coming to terms with the need for public accountability after their own "Big Bang".

It is a pity that those in charge of Women's AAA policy do not feel the same weight of responsibility. For yesterday's infusion of further cash for men's athletics in Britain was also a salutary reminder of how utterly inadequate and incapable is a women's administration prepared to sacrifice track and field progress for their own political longevity.

The commercialisation of the sport, which began openly at the top four years ago, when the International Amateur Athletic Federation agreed to payment to athletes, has now, with yesterday's deal, permeated the whole structure of men's athletics in Britain.

The six area track and field leagues, which form the ladder of promotion to the British Athletics League, are comprised of almost 400 clubs in 40 divisions throughout Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

They will now compete for £22,100 in club prize-money next summer alone, with a further £7,500 in bonuses for field events — an area in which Britain is traditionally weak.

There will also be £3,650 included in individual prizes, plus an extra £37,000 overall to the six leagues to disperse as they wish in back-up support and promotion in the first year of a three-year deal.

Swindon Athletic Club's proposal, at Saturday's agm in Leeds, that details of television, and sponsorship deals by the AAA be made available to all club members has been condemned by an independent group of athletics consultants, headed by Chris Chataway, the former MP and world record-holder.

Chataway's group were formed, after last year's agm, to advise on financial and business affairs. They consider that Swindon's motion would "very seriously jeopardize" the sport's ability to raise funds by destroying confidentiality.

Swindon's claim is that the situation cannot be healthy if the representatives of area associations are not being kept informed of what the general committee are deciding.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Beware of the 'Joeys'!

By Keith Macklin

Cumbria's slaughter by the Young Kangaroos, the Australian high schools' touring squad, has sent shudders through Britain's schoolboy and youth teams as the British Amateur Rugby League Association announce their 18-strong squad for two internationals — at Wigan on December 12 and Elland Road on December 20.

There is a prevailing pessimism that the Australian youngsters — nicknamed "Joeys", small kangaroos — will run riot, just as their seniors did during the recent tour.

But BARLA have selected a strong British squad, with players chosen from Yorkshire, Lancashire, Cumbria, Cheshire and Humberside.

The Australians, strapping young men who look far more mature than under-19s, take on West Riding at Halifax tonight and North-west Counties at Warrington on Friday, and both associations will do well to keep the margins reasonably close.

SQUAD: P Aldred (Leigh Miners), G Boothroyd, G Hall, I Smales (all Lock Lane, Castleford), P Brookfield, W Randerson (NDLB, Hull), C Broome, A Raw (Yew Tree, Leeds), C Connolly (Crosfield, Warrington), G Forber (Thatto Heath, St Helens), G Hewer (Kells), R Livesey (Hulker, Barrow), P Moran (Wigan St Patrick's), C O'Brien (Hull BC), A Parle (Widnes St Maries), G Phillips (Dewsbury Moor), N Shaw (Barrow Island), B Telford (Hensingham).

RUGBY UNION

Compensation: three crucial meetings to clear the fog

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

Three meetings, tomorrow and on Friday, may clarify the muddy waters that have been swirling around the home unions in their discussions of the International Rugby Football Board's proposals on compensation for players on tour.

It is important that they should — or the board themselves will suffer a setback in their assumption of direct powers of leadership of the world game.

The Welsh Rugby Union discuss the IRFB proposals tomorrow and seem likely to vote in favour. On Friday, the Rugby Football Union's executive committee meet, and will discuss the implications of last Friday's full committee vote against the proposals, while, in Wellington, the New Zealand council hope to come to a decision on acceptance or otherwise of the IRFB package, which was unveiled in October.

The IRFB require all member-unions to reach a decision on the proposals by the end of the year, so that all relevant details can be circulated and considered before the board meet in March.

A day here or there will not matter. Thus the Irish Rugby Football Union — who have accepted the package in principle, but not all the details — can have a further discussion at their next meeting on January 2 and reach agreement in time to catch the IRFB deadline.

England's next full committee meeting is not until January 16 — too late for the deadline. But there must be a certain unhappiness at the outcome of last Friday's meeting, during which the proposals were debated for some three hours and then rejected by 34 votes to 14.

The RFU's own amateur status sub-committee had recommended, with some reservations, acceptance of the proposals, but the appropriate minutes were not available to full committee members until the morning of their meeting.

International Board representatives are, however, free to make up their own minds on the issues that confront them, while bearing in mind the views expressed by their domestic colleagues, and it would be wrong to think that the RFU had closed the door on the IB proposals.

Dudley Wood, the RFU secretary, tacitly admitted as much when suggesting that no firm conclusion had yet been reached, even though a vote had been taken, but one wonders if it would not be easier to come to a decision with a smaller committee.

The Irish, who have a 21-strong commitee, compared with the RFU's 56, have been very clear-headed in deciding, for instance, their referees for the World Cup, and that players would be capped for all matches played, at this early juncture.

The difficulty for the International Board, at this particular time, is that they have three issues pending — all of them crucial to the well-being of the game.

There is a major internal reorganisation, which includes the introduction of associate members; the amateur regulations have to be brought up to date; and, on top of that, there is the organization of the inaugural World Cup to oversee.

Nor can one of the three be divorced from the others because they are all interlinked.

This is why it will be particularly interesting to see which way the New Zealand council move on Friday. The southern hemisphere have been prime movers in bringing rugby into line with their concept of "modernisation".

But Russ Thomas, the New Zealand council chairman, is adamant in his belief in amateurism. "When you start to change things, where do you stop?" he asked yesterday.

It is a view shared by England, who have fought for a more privileged existence for players, but are not entirely sure whether they remain in control of events.

New Zealand will also receive an up-to-date report on the investigation into the Cavaliers' tour of South Africa

Fitzgerald rattles his sword

By George Ace

The team that tore the record books apart with a 60-0 win over Romania last month have, not surprisingly, been nominated for the senior role in the trial at Lansdowne Road on December 20. But the choice of Ciaran Fitzgerald to lead the Possibles will send a tremor through the team captained by Donal Lenihan.

Fitzgerald will relish the opportunity to cross swords with Harry Harbison, who replaced him in the Ireland team, and to put Lenihan's captaincy on the line.

Fitzgerald is already one up on Lenihan, having recently led a hitherto hapless Connacht to a first-ever win over Munster at Thomond Park. Lenihan was captaining Munster to an inter-provincial whitewash on that occasion and was unavailable when Munster defeated the Fijian Barbarians on Saturday.

Bill Harbinson, in his first season as an Ulster player, teams up with David Irwin in the Possibles centre. Harbinson turned in a first-class performance against Connacht and followed it up with another eye-catching run against Leinster in the championship decider.

John O'Driscoll, the former British Lion, who has been out of international reckoning for a few seasons, is back in contention in a back row which has Brian Spillane at No 8 and Ulster's Willie Duncan on the flank.

PROBABLES: H MacNeill (London Irish); T Ringland (Ballymena), B Mullin (Oxford University), M Kiernan (Dolphin), K Crossan (Instonians); P Dean (St Mary's), M Bradley (Cork Constitution); P Orr (Old Wesley), H Harbinson (Bective Rangers), D Fitzgerald (Lansdowne), P Matthews (Wanderers), D Lenihan (Cork Constitution, captain), W Anderson (Dungannon), N Kerr (Ards), M Gibson (London Irish).
POSSIBLES: P Rainey (Ballymena); P Haycock (Terenure), W Harbinson (Malone), D Irwin (Instonians), J Crotty (Dolphin); A Ward (Greystones), A Doyle (Greystones); J Langbrook (Blackrock), C Fitzgerald (St Mary's, captain), J McCoy (Bangor), J O'Driscoll (London Irish), J Glennon (Sicamles), G Holland (Cork Constitution), W Duncan (Malone), B Spillane (Bohemians).

England and Wales push drug test case

By Paul Martin

England and Wales are to press this weekend for the introduction of drug testing during the Five Nations rugby competition starting next month. Scotland and Ireland will support the move, and a decision in favour will almost certainly emerge at the Five Nations committee meeting in London this Saturday.

Drug testing is to be introduced at the World Cup next year in Australia and New Zealand, the World Cup Committee agreed last weekend. The Rugby Football Union decided last Friday to institute its own random drug-testing programme, on the lines recommended by the Sports Council.

Dudley Wood, the RFU Secretary, has written to the Five Nations committee proposing that a uniform drug-testing programme be brought in this season. The Welsh have made a similar suggestion.

"We have decided that the Five Nations should approach it as a joint operation," said Desmond Barnett, the Welsh president. It was preferable to have a uniform standard, he added. His union had declined to follow England's example and institute drug-testing of its own: that might "seem to imply that our players are taking drugs, which we do not believe happens," Barnett added.

Scotland will "go along with England's proposal" Bill Hogg, the Scottish Rugby Union Secretary, said yesterday. The Scottish conducted a random drug test last season on their A & B International trials teams.

The Irish, though they have no drug-testing plans of their own, also agree with the idea at Five Nations level. "I can see no reason why we should not support the move on Saturday," said Sir Ewart Bell, the president. "As rugby football gets more competitive — especially at high level — we must make checks to see that drugs don't enter the game. In certain sports where drugs are a problem, administrators at first claimed it did not exist."

The English and Welsh national squads have already received medical advice on how to resist temptation. The Welsh medical advisor, Dr John Davies a leading sports medicine expert, recently wrote a letter to all players warning that their increasing use of gymnasiums to build up strength — especially for the World Cup — could bring them into contact with weight lifters and other sportsmen prone to using steroids and drugs. He cautioned them about the physical risks involved. "What he wrote about hormone changes certainly scared the life out of them," Barnett quipped.

Newport take no action

Newport have decided not to make an official complaint to the Rugby Football Union over reported remarks made by Roger Quittenton, the RFU international panel referee, who handled their game against London Welsh last month (David Hands writes). The club committee met on Monday evening to discuss a national newspaper report in which the referee was quoted as saying he had to "whip Welsh clubs like animals" but concluded by criticising "provocative reports and irresponsible comments".

Quittenton had previously contacted the club, the Welsh Rugby Union, and Denzil Lloyd, the chairman of the Welsh referees committee, to assure them that he had been misquoted.

London Welsh have been involved in talks with Moseley over the injury to their flanker, Stuart Russell, who suffered a detached retina during the game between the clubs. After studying a video of the game, officials claimed the injury was the result of a punch, an accusation denied by Ian Metcalfe, the Moseley captain and full back, who had a clear view of the incident.

TENNIS

Trumped by the court card of a king-size talent

Sports writers of The Times present their selection from the sporting books of the year. Today: Rex Bellamy on the best of the tennis books.

But for his charm and infectious enthusiasm, John Barrett would be insufferable. He belongs to that rare breed of omnivorous, practical visionaries whose minds make disturbed anthills seem like studies in still life.

You know the kind. They juggle dextrously with a wide range of activities, light fires in everyone they meet and make things happen. They are so outrageously multi-talented that the rest of us are reduced to the status of honest plodders.

Nor do we mind, because the Barretts of this world are imbued with the spirit of laughter and a childish sense of wonder. They cannot believe that life is being so good to them. They have a divine spark, a streak of joyous lunacy. They make us feel better. They open windows in the mind. And their powers of persuasion are such that they could sell defoliants to bedouin.

This year I wrote a tennis book, *Game, Set and Deadline* (Kingswood Press, £12.95), that achieved a modest ranking in the best-seller list. Barrett trumped that card with *100 Wimbledon Championships* (Willow Books, £18.95), which on several counts may be the best tennis book written in this or any other year.

But his counter-punch was so sweetly delivered, right on the button, that it caused no pain. We were fighting at different weights, anyway. Barrett was the heavyweight.

This extraordinary man earned an honours degree in history and remains, as his book vividly confirms, an ardent historian. He joined Slazenger, became a Davis Cup player and captain, founded the trend-setting training squad known as the "Barrett Boys" and the BP International Tennis Fellowship (a junior development programme), and established himself as a writer and broadcaster tipped to succeed Dan Maskell — if anyone ever does.

Barrett is also something of a musician and versifier with an ambition to compose a light opera in the Gilbert and Sullivan vein.

The man of the elastic minute

One would put nothing past him. When Kipling wrote that stuff about filling the unforgiving minute with 60 seconds' worth of distance run, he did not know about Barrett, to whom a minute is an elastic quantity with no known braking point.

From all this it follows that Barrett is good company, whether in the flesh or in print. He may have the most active, imaginative, best-stocked mind in tennis, plus an inexhaustible zest for the game and for life as a whole.

He has poured all that into an absorbing book that, in addition to being the most readably comprehensive of Wimbledon histories, puts the game's greatest tournament into its social, political, economic and artistic context. To suggest that Barrett has taken a fresh approach is to suggest that Everest is big. His book is a joyous education and, in its own field, a peerless work of reference.

Where else, for example, could one find the singles results for every year of the tournament, plus the finals of the other events? Where else such a wealth of evocative prints and photographs and anecdotes dispersing the gathering dust of history? Where else the relevance to tennis as a whole and in Wimbledon in particular of the railway system, the suffragette movement and the development of rubber and the jet engine?

A year in the life of an insomniac

Joy of joys, there has been another such book — equally lavish in its production and, in a different way, equally wide in its range. Like Barrett, Roy McKelvie was a distinguished amateur sportsman who then became a hard-nosed professional communicator.

McKelvie has given us *The Queen's Club Story* (Stanley Paul, £19.50), a centenary history of Britain's most renowned and influential multi-sports club — though Queen's is no longer as "multi" as it used to be. McKelvie's book has already been reviewed here but can be recommended again to all enthusiasts of racket games.

There is so much traffic across the Atlantic these days that, one way or another, you may be able to get a copy of Pam Shriver's *Passing Shots* (McGraw-Hill, $16.95), which is basically a diary of one year's thoughts by a player who reached the United States final at the age of 16.

Miss Shriver is a smart and witty insomniac who hunts wild geese and has intruded into Republican politics. She writes as well as she talks, which is going some, and discusses the players and the game with disarming candour. She reckons that drugs are no problem in tennis because the players are too mean to buy them. Her asides also cover man-hunting, homosexuality and menstrual cramps. Well, nobody ever accused Miss Shriver of being mealy-mouthed.

This, though, was Barrett's year. One day I would like to get my own back by giving him a rough day on the mountains — the Glyders, perhaps, or the Five Sisters of Kintail. But he would probably romp over the ridges with childish glee and then, eyes shining, ask innocently: "What are we doing tonight?"

There is nothing to be done about people like that. They were born full of beans and their Maker forgot to put a lid on the can.

Barrett: counter-punch

Shriver: disarming candour

BADMINTON

White No 1 for Scots

Billy Gilliland and Dan Travers, the Commonwealth Games doubles champions, are in Scotland's team to play England at Hereford tomorrow, while Alex White, who reached the Commonwealth men's singles semi-finals, will play at No. 1 for the Scots, teaming up with Iain Pringle in the second day's doubles.

Anthony Gallagher, who has won two local tournaments in the past two weeks, will play in the second singles spot.

Jennifer Allen will play in the women's singles and her sister, Elinor, will line up in the women's doubles with Scotland's most capped woman player, Pamela Hamilton. Jennifer Allen and Gilliland are in the mixed doubles.

Allan Campbell, the Scottish coach, said: "Andy Goode and Fiona Elliott have just won the Scottish Open mixed doubles, but I think we have an outside chance of beating England, though it will be tough."

CRICKET

Ejaz prompts Pakistan to their first win

Sharjah (Reuter) — Pakistan recovered from middle-order nerves to claim their first win in the four-nations Champions Trophy tournament yesterday, beating Sri Lanka by four wickets with one over to spare.

Chasing a moderate target of 165 in the 45-overs match, Pakistan were steered to victory by the newcomer, Ejaz Ahmed, who hit 12 runs in the penultimate over from the medium-pace bowler, Graeme Labrooy.

Sri Lanka looked to be in with a chance when the Pakistan captain, Imran Khan, was caught by his counterpart, Duleep Mendis, at mid-wicket for 22 off the fast bowler, Rumesh Ratnayake, to leave Pakistan on 142 for six.

But Ejaz, partnered by the experienced Mudassar Nazar, saw Pakistan home. Rameez Raja was top scorer for Pakistan with 39.

For Sri Lanka, only Asantha Gurusinghe coped with the Pakistani attack on an easy-paced pitch. His 60, which included only three fours, anchored the innings and earned him the man-of-the-match award.

HOCKEY

Indoor season comes first for England

By Sydney Friskin

Neither England nor Great Britain will take part in the inaugural Indira Gandhi invitation tournament in Delhi from January 11 to 20. The Hockey Association's international tournaments committee recommended at a recent meeting in London that England should decline the invitation.

The reason is that the tournament falls in the middle of the indoor season and uppermost in England's minds, apart from other indoor commitments, is the preparation for the European indoor qualifying tournament from February 20 to 22 at Torun, in Poland, where they will face opposition from the host nation, West Germany, Sweden, Austria, Italy and Wales.

However, West Germany, Poland, The Netherlands, Spain and the Soviet Union have accepted the invitation to the outdoor Delhi tournament, using it as a training ground for the Champions Trophy competition in Amsterdam from June 18 to 28 next year.

A province unites in tribute to a fine goalkeeper and one of football's most dignified representatives

A true ambassador for Irish sport

By George Ace

For a brief period tonight, the twin pillars of hatred and bitterness that have dominated life in Ulster for nearly two decades will be pushed aside. A crowd in excess of 20,000, and of all religious persuasions, will assemble at Windsor Park, Belfast, to pay tribute to one of the Province's most distinguished sporting sons — Pat Jennings, holder of a British record 119 international caps and the world's most-capped goalkeeper.

Jennings has bestrode the world football stage with a dignity and modesty that placed him on a pedestal few mortals ever achieve. If there is a grain of truth in that hackneyed phrase "a true ambassador for his sport and country", then it applies to Pat Jennings.

That doyen of wing halves from another era, Danny Blanchflower, whose simplistic style and elegance made him quite unique as a player, said of Jennings in one of many tributes: "Not only did he survive in the big time, but he mastered it. He became one of the greatest with his cool, smooth, style."

The exploits of the "big man from Newry" since he first won an Irish youth international cap in 1963 until he bade his farewell at the World Cup in Mexico earlier this year are legendary. On 43 occasions in his appearances for his country, he did not condede a goal; in 975 League and Cup games for Watford, Tottenham Hotspur and Arsenal he picked up one booking — against Leeds United at Elland Road in the late 1960s. Further elaboration is unnecessary, suffice to say that Jennings, from every aspect, has written a page in football history which is embossed in pure gold.

Hallmark of a fine goalkeeper: Jennings dives to make a save early in his career

It is never too difficult in most cases, if one probes beneath the surface, to discover something of an unsavoury nature in many of those who make newspaper headlines. In truth, in many instances there is no need to probe. Not so with Jennings. His conduct on and off the field has been exemplary and the youth of today have in him a perfect example of all that portrays true sportsmanship.

Jennings was transferred from Newry Town to Watford for a fee of £6,500 on the advice of a former Irish international, Billy McClacken, who was 79 years old when he saw Jennings playing for an Irish youth side at Bromley. After a season and 52 games at Vicarage Road, Jennings joined Tottenham in June, 1964, for £27,500 and, three years later, won his first FA Cup medal when Tottenham defeated Chelsea 2-1. He gained his second when Arsenal achieved a 3-2 win over Manchester United in 1979.

"Football has enriched my life," Jennings says, "but nothing could have been achieved without the helping hand of so many people — in Newry where I started off; at Watford where I served my apprenticeship; at Tottenham where I enjoyed 13 happy and successful years; and at Arsenal where I ended my career as a 40 year old. On the international front I have had some wonderful experiences, enjoyed the comradeship of so many great players. The past 23 years leave me with a host of lasting memories."

● Brian Clough, the Nottingham Forest manager, is sending two of his exciting young players, Franz Carr and Neil Webb, to help replace Ian Rush, Norman Whiteside and John Aldridge, who have been forced to withdraw from the Windsor Park tribute because of injuries and club calls. Also missing will be Jennings' international colleagues, Jimmy Nicholl and Gerry Armstrong, while there are doubts about the presence of the likes of Kenny Dalglish, Glenn Hoddle and Ossie Ardiles.

PAT JENNINGS SELECT (from): P Jennings (ex Spurs/Arsenal), J Platt (Coleraine), G Daniel (Linfield), J Gidman (Manchester City), N Worthington (Sheffield Wednesday), P Reid (Everton), P McGrath (Manchester United), O Ardiles (Tottenham Hotspur), F Stapleton (Manchester United), K Moran (Manchester United), C Hughton (Tottenham Hotspur), K Keegan (ex Liverpool), G Best (ex Manchester United), L Brady (Ascoli), F Carr (Nottingham Forest), B Talbot (Watford).
INTERNATIONAL XI (from): B Grobbelaar (Liverpool), R Clemence (Tottenham Hotspur), J Sivebaek (Manchester United), M Donaghy (Luton Town), M Lawrenson (Liverpool), J Molby (Liverpool), A McDonald (Queen's Park Rangers), G Hoddle (Tottenham Hotspur), K Dalglish (Liverpool), S Archibald (Barcelona), B Houghton (Oxford United), N Webb (Nottingham Forest), T Gibson (Manchester United), J Olsen (Manchester United), T Galvin (Tottenham Hotspur).
Referee: A Snaddy (Northern Ireland).

Hallmark of a fine goalkeeper: The large hands which were Jennings' trademark

GOLF

Tinning strikes a golden streak to stay seven clear

From John Hennessy, La Manga, Spain

The British presence at the PGA qualifying school was strengthened at the La Manga club yesterday by arrivals from Wentworth and Wapping, but, with a few exceptions, the golfers from home did not stand out as prominently as the secretariat and the scribblers.

Steen Tinning, the tall elegant Dane, continued to dominate the field of 232 (after five withdrawals) still engaged in a tense struggle for the coveted European Tour players' card. While the top 50 will be elated, 182 players will leave La Manga disappointed either after the fourth round tonight or the sixth round on Friday.

Tinning had a second round of 69 over the South course for a total of 199, which places him 16 under par, seven strokes ahead of Wayne Smith (68), a rangy Australian, and nine ahead of David Gilford, of Trentham Park (69), and Jeús and López of Spain (75).

It was, however, hard work for Tinning yesterday, still haunted, he says, by his 61, 10 under par, over the North course on Sunday. He has apparently burnt the midnight oil since that stunning achievement. He seems drained and has lost all feel with his irons. "I think I played it smart today," he said afterwards, "just hitting into the centre of the green and not trying to knock the flag down." If he can play a round of 69 in those circumstances, one wonders what triumphs may lie ahead in his professional career.

Gilford, a former England amateur champion, advanced from four under par to seven under with another characteristically steady round. After turning in 34, he momentarily lost his momentum and was punished by a third putt on the 10th and an errant second to the next, but he came home strongly with three birdies in the last four holes. A superb four-iron to six feet at the 435-yard 15th was followed by a sand wedge millimetres from the 16th hole (405 yards), and a three-iron safely carried the ravine of the 18th.

Lee Fickling, of Finchley, came unexpectedly into the picture with a 66, which puts him only one stroke behind Gilford. Here is a young man who has lived an adventurous golfing life after turning professional in 1977 at the age of 16 ("otherwise I would have had to go to work").

He was beaten in a play-off for the fiftieth place in last season's school at La Manga and has been walking a tightrope this year between the conflicting demands of the PGA's Southern Region and the European tour. One way and another he has totted up £300 in fines for withdrawals. He is the professional at Finchley driving range when neither of the administrative bodies can offer him a tournament.

His round fitted into the pattern yesterday, with a variety of seven birdies, one eagle, and three shots dropped to par. The eagle three at the third was a beauty, for the hole measures 520 yards. He went boldly for a drive over the corner of the dog-leg and, undaunted by a lie in the rough, he struck a three-iron to 12 feet and holed the putt.

His chequered record suggests he may not survive in the top drawer but his cheerful, uninhibited approach to life induces one to hope otherwise.

LEADING SCORES: 199: S Tinning (Den), 61, 69, 69. 206: W Smith (Aus), 68, 72, 68. 208: D Gilford (GB), 68, 71, 69; J López (Sp), 67, 66, 75. 209: I. Fickling (GB), 71, 72, 66. 210: P A Brostedt (Swe), 72, 68, 70; M Sunesson (Swe), 73, 65, 71; D MacMillan (US), 69, 67, 74. 211: J Hobday (SA), 70, 71, 70; D Klenk (US), 70, 71, 70; M Few (GB), 71, 71, 69. 212: W Milne (GB), 69, 72, 71; W Winsnes (SA), 72, 72, 68. 213: A Canessa (It), 72, 71, 70; M Moreno (Sp), 72, 69, 72; A Evans (GB), 74, 70, 69; J Bennett (GB), 70, 71, 72; A Stubbs (GB), 75, 64, 74; A Piñero (Sp), 68, 70, 75; C Rocca (It), 73, 71, 69. 214: D Banke (US), 71, 71, 72; J Clifford (Aus), 73, 69, 72; P van der Riet (SA), 73, 68, 73; P Barber (GB), 70, 71, 73; J Spence (GB), 72, 68, 74; A Sherborne (GB), 69, 75, 70; C Platts (GB), 70, 73, 71. Other British: 215: M Davis. 217: S Stephen (GB); P Hoad. 218: C Brooks, C Laurence.

Toothpaste salesman to put shine back into teeth of the game

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

The Football League have chosen a toothpaste salesman to clean up the image of the game. Philip Carter, the president, announced yesterday that Trevor Phillips, who resigned from his post as the general sales manager of the Beecham Group on Monday, has been appointed as the new commercial director.

When he starts his new job officially in March Phillips will attempt to carry the antiquated system into a market-place in which he can see "enormous opportunities." Even though he preferred not to reveal his plans in detail, he is clearly attracted by the ever-widening world of television.

"The development of cable and satellite television will rewrite the rulebook," he said. "I hope to try and create a better environment for potential investors. There are problems at the moment but it seems as though football is more or less at the bottom of the curve.

"If that is true, there can be no better time for a salesman to come into the game. Everybody involved must help to give it a push back on the way up. It is a big challenge. Yesterday I was selling toothpaste; now I must learn about a fresh product."

Carter admitted: "We have had our difficulties, particularly over the last few weeks, and one of the areas that has most concerned us is the commercial aspect. We needed an expert to improve the ambience and to promote the positive side, such as the increase in family enclosures.

"Clubs are already individually helping to bring families and children back to football and the gates are up, which is encouraging. Now we want the 92 clubs to work together. If we could put ground advertising on a national basis, for example, that would put us in a much stronger bargaining position."

Carter warned that the representatives of the BBC and ITV should not expect to reach a similar agreement with the League when the current contract finishes at the end of next season. "There may be a situation then where recorded highlights might be suitable for outlets other than the national networks," he said.

Ken Bates, Chelsea's chairman, suggested that the financial structure may be about to undergo a significant shift in balance. "The game is still subsidized by lotteries, directors and supporters. We were amateurs when we entered the television negotiations two years ago, for example, but we are now learning how to sell the game."

Carter: new image seeker

Bates selected an unfortunate metaphor when he added that "this is one of the areas where Trevor can pick up the ball and run with it." Then again, in one sense, it was appropriate. Phillips, a 44-year-old who joined Beecham's in 1968, was once a goalkeeper with Bradford-on-Avon.

Stevens leaves a mark on historic fixture

By George Chesterton

Westminster 1
Charterhouse 5

Four goals from Stevens gave Charterhouse a comfortable victory against Westminster at Vincent Square in a fixture which has been played annually since 1863 — the year in which the Football Association was founded.

In the early stages Westminster combined well in attack and seven minutes into the game Charterhouse were fortunate to escape from an inswinging corner which Islef was forced to tip over the crossbar and another well-taken corner was only cleared at the third attempt. Moments later Griffiths hit the crossbar with the goalkeeper beaten.

Charterhouse opened the scoring against the run of play when Stevens made the most of a Westminster defensive lapse to run a loose ball into the net. Westminster came back immediately and from yet another corner Baylin headed in the equalizer. Charterhouse restored their lead when Leale turned well in the Westminster area to shoot inside the near post.

Despite much spirited effort the next goal did not come until 20 minutes into the second half. Stevens finished his season in the grand manner and put the result beyond doubt by scoring a further three goals, all somewhat similar in nature. He broke through the centre for Leale to find him unmarked with only the goalkeeper to beat.

Cogan and Griffiths were Westminster's two most experienced players and in a week's time they will be representing their school on the cricket field in Bombay.

WESTMINSTER: R Stopford; T Pemberton, O Johnson, M Aspa, S Baylin, A Jaque , N Hudson, J Griffiths, H Gregory, S Rice, D Cogan.
CHARTERHOUSE: L Islef: R Goodliffe, M Strecker, A Zervos, N Payne, H Bedford, S Mellstrom, A Ivermee, M Gray, N Stevens, A Leale.
Referee: M Williams (Kent).

Stapleton puts his name to new contract

Frank Stapleton has finally agreed a new three-year contract with Manchester United, which will keep him at Old Trafford until he is 33.

Martin Edwards, the club chairman, said: "We have shaken hands on a new deal and Frank will sign a new contract within the next two or three weeks."

Norman Whiteside, out of the United team for three weeks through suspension, could be in line for a recall in the televised match against Tottenham Hotspur on Sunday if he impresses United's new management team. Colin Gibson, who through injury has only had three senior games this season, will play in a friendly match at Burnley on Saturday.

● A statement made by the Chesterfield chairman, Mike Watterson, that the third division club was for sale was publicly denied yesterday in a statement issued by the rest of the directors.

Greece are taking nothing for granted

Greece will go top of group five — a section which includes Poland, The Netherlands and Hungary — if they beat Cyprus in tonight's European Championship match in Nicosia. However, Miltos Papapostolou, the Greek manager, is remaining cautious about his side's chances. In February, Cyprus held Greece to a goalless draw and last night Papapostolou said: "We have to be very careful. Their standard has improved a lot in recent years."

Playing their first qualifying game of the championship, Cyprus have high hopes of upsetting their visitors. Greece, however, will be full of confidence after last month's 2-1 victory over Hungary, and will pin their hopes on Anastopoulos and Mitropoulos, their goal scorers in that match.

Cyprus will be looking for goals from their new cap, Ioannou, who was the top scorer last year in his domestic league, with 22 goals for APOEL. In 14 matches between the two since 1963, Greece have won seven, Cyprus two.

In Tirana, Albania are expected to make four changes from the side which lost 3-0 to Austria in October, for tonight's match against Spain. Cipi and Ocelli, both defenders, are likely to lose their places to Omuri and Hodga, with Zijaji and Kola will stand down for Tiera and Musa.

Spain, 1-0 winners over Romania last month, are expected to make two changes. Joaquin, the Sporting Gijon defender who has made only intermittent appearances since the 1982 World Cup in Spain, will replace Gallego, who is unwell, while Roberto — promoted from the side which beat Italy in the under-21 final in October, is expected to replace his Barcelona club-mate Julio Alberto in midfield.

In Group Two, Italy's captain, Cabrini, has been omitted from the 18-man squad to play Malta, in Rome, on Saturday. Veteran of three World Cup tournaments, Cabrini is replaced as captain by Altobelli.

Although hit by injury this season, Altobelli played for Juventus on Sunday, but Azeglio, the national manager, said: "Cabrini is playing with a bandaged knee at the moment.

Whelton reported

Joe Whelton, the basketball coach of Sharp Manchester United, has upset the independent Referees Association with his remarks about the choice of referee, Mick Howell for last Sunday's Prudential National Cup semi-final with Polycell Kingston, who had previously invited the official to a league game between the clubs. The association have reported the matter to the English Basket Ball Association, who will discuss the matter next Tuesday.

Caernarfon's King rules but he would like a new throne

By Paul Newman

FA CUP

John King has been waiting for six years for one telephone call. When he left his job as manager of Tranmere Rovers in 1980, after five seasons, he did not think it would be long before a Football League chairman would be seeking his services. But the call has never come.

"I think my record speaks for itself," he says. "I took Tranmere into the third division and generally did well on limited resources. Since then, I've had a fair degree of success in non-League football.

"I still believe I would do a good job in the League, but I've never had an offer. I used to apply for every job that was going, but I don't any more. I reckon that, if a club want me, they'll know where I am."

Anyone looking for King will have to go to one of football's furthest-flung corners. For the last 15 months, the former Everton, Bournemouth, Tranmere and Port Vale midfield player has managed Caernarfon Town, who play in the second round of the FA Cup for the first time on Saturday when they entertain York City.

Perched on the north-west tip of Wales, there cannot be many more remote football outposts. "Chelsea came up to play us in a pre-season friendly this summer," King says. "John Hollins said it was good to see me again, but he kept on talking about me 'doing my work out here'. It was as though I was a missionary or on another planet."

After leaving Tranmere, King became assistant manager at Rochdale and then manager of Northwich Victoria, of the GM Vauxhall Conference. He took them to two successive FA Trophy finals at Wembley — one ended in victory after a replay — and enjoyed consistent league success before the club's financial problems ended in his departure.

Having had no luck applying for posts elsewhere, he then accepted the offer to manage Caernarfon on a part-time basis. In his 15 months at The Oval, he has done a remarkable job.

When he arrived, Caernarfon, hopelessly out of their depth after winning promotion to the Multipart League from the North West Counties League, were stranded at the bottom of the table. On a minimal budget, King has taken them into contention for promotion to the Conference and, after beating Stockport County in the first round of the Cup, they are only 90 minutes away from the potential riches of the third round.

King, aged 48, admits he was wary about taking the job. "I didn't much fancy putting my reputation on the line because they had had a terrible time and, if it carried on, people were bound to ask who the manager was. I did it only as a favour initially, though I've not regretted it. I'm still doing it in the hope that something better comes along, but there are only a few jobs in the game."

Such is his determination to remain in football — "It has always been my living and I want to keep it that way" — that he has not taken the financially easy way out of looking for work outside the game. The only other job he has is on a Government scheme, arranging football matches and coaching for the unemployed in his home city of Liverpool.

"Although I hope the job at Caernarfon is only a stepping-stone, I'm delighted I've been able to bring some success to the club," he says. "The board of directors say they want enjoyment out of their football more than anything, but I know success is really the only way to bring that.

"It is a bit more relaxed here, but, though there's less pressure than I was under at Northwich, for example, they're still very ambitious. Their eventual aim is to get into the Football League. They've spent £40,000 on the ground and are ready to progress."

Ruler: John King, who reigns over a remote football outpost

REAL TENNIS

Pace proves decisive

By William Stephens

Wayne Davies, a professional at the New York Racquet and Tennis Club, and Lachlan Deuchar, the Hampton Court deputy professional Club, eliminated Jerome Fletcher (unattached) and Neil Smith (Queen's Club) from the George Wimpey open doubles championship at Queen's Club yesterday, defeating them 6-1, 6-4, 6-3 in the second round.

Davies and Deuchar are the holders; both are Australian and Deuchar will be returning to the Royal Melbourne Tennis Club next April as head professional. He is a former British and United States professionals singles champion and is the present holder, with Fletcher, of the British professionals doubles title.

Davies and Deuchar set too severe a pace for Fletcher and Smith in a match full of hard hitting.

Chris Ronaldson, the world champion and head professional at the Hampton Court Club, together with Mick Dean, a master at Radley, beat Ronaldson's younger brother, Stephen, and Michael Gooding, both professionals at the Canford Club, 6-4, 6-3, 6-3. Ronaldson and Dean have twice won this championship.

SKIING

A Calgary screen test suggested by jumpers

Coaches from around the world have suggested the installation of wind screens at the new 70- and 90-metre Olympic ski jumps tested in Calgary for the first time over the weekend.

During a test competition in preparation for the 1988 Olympic Games, skiers gave high marks to the $6.5m (about £4.6m) complex on a hill overlooking Canada's oil capital when wind conditions were calm.

But when swirling winds up to 37 mph disrupted training, competitors suggested the construction of wind screens such as those used on some European jumps.

"The wind was so strong sometimes that it was hard just to stand up," said Matti Pulli, coach of Finland's team. "All our jumps at home have some wind, but this is the worst that I have seen."

American Zane Palmer said. "I've experienced wind before, but nothing like what I faced here. This is a beautiful facility, but something has to be done about putting in wind screens before 1988 or the competition won't be fair." The screens would cost up to $216,000 (about £152,000).

The Canadian government's Olympic co-ordinator, Gerald Berger, said that studies indicated that winds should pose no problems during the month of February, and jumps could be scheduled to avoid the windiest parts of the day.

Jiri Parma of Czechoslovakia had the best jump of the weekend, measuring 113.5 meters, but last-minute preparations were needed to make the landing area safe.

In an initial test a week ago, Canadian jumper Horst Bulau was unable to stop in the landing area and spilled over the top into a gravel heap, collecting cuts and bruises, and snow was dumped on the finishing area to prevent a recurrence.

Olympic organizers were disappointed that only about 3,000 paying customers turned up for the inaugural jumping competition, when 20,000 had been expected.

The ski jump is one of two major question marks about Olympic sites in Calgary. The other is Mount Allan where the Alpine events are scheduled and which will not be tested by world-class skiers until Dec. 21. Critics say the mountain often lacks snow and the middle of the downhill course is too flat.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

SASINGSTOKE: Cibi Drinks six-mile roadrace: 1, B Reynolds (Tonbridge), 29min 39sec; 2, M Philpot (Hillingdon), 29:45; 3, A Jackson (Hillingdon), 29:55. Teams: 1, Hillingdon, 30pts; 2, Aldershot, 48; 3, Overton, 68. Veterans: M Duff (Aldershot), 31:17. Women: A Wyeth (Southampton), 35:01.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

UNITED STATES: National League (NFL): New York Giants 21, San Francisco 49ers 17.

CRICKET

SHEFFIELD SHIELD: Brisbane: Queensland 162 for seven v Western Australia. Rain. Match drawn. Adelaide: Victoria 388 and 223 for five dec. South Australia 238 and 239 (D Hookes 54; M Hughes 4 for 69). Victoria won by 117 runs.

FOOTBALL

FA TROPHY: Third qualifying round: Replay: Crawley 1, Wembley 0. Second replay: Dulwich Hamlet 1, Grays 0.
FA YOUTH CUP: Second round: Gillingham 0, Charlton 3; West Brom 0, Coventry 0.
VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Second division north: Vauxhall Motors 4, Hornchurch 3. Combined Services 2, Wimbledon 3. AC Delco Cup: Second round: Southwick 0, Maidenhead Utd 0 (aet).
GM-VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Kidderminster 1, Northwich 2.
GMAC CUP: First round: Fareham 0, Bath 1.
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE CUP: First round, first leg: Caernarfon 1, Bangor 1.
SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Bill Dallow Cup: First round: Aylesbury 2, Basingstoke 1; Chelmsford 1, Cambridge City 0; Dudley 4, Bilston 1 (at Willenhall); Worcester 1, Leamington 3; Postponed: Rushden v King's Lynn.
OTHER MATCHES: Preston North End 4, Partick Thistle 3. Tommy Williams testimonial: Leicester Present 1, Leicester Past 0.
EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP: Group one (Bern): Albania 0, Spain 0. Group five (Nicosia): Cyprus 0, Greece 4.
FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Swindon 0, Watford 3; Millwall 0, Reading 4; Brighton 4, Charlton 0; Queen's Park Rangers 0, Chelsea 2.

REAL TENNIS

QUEEN'S CLUB: George Wimpey British open championship: Men's doubles: Second round: W F Davies (New York) and L Deuchar (Hampton Court) bt J Fletcher (unattached) and N P A Smith (Queen's), 6-1, 6-4, 6-3; C J Ronaldson (Hampton Court) and M F Dean bt S Ronaldson (Canford) and M Gooding (Canford), 6-4, 6-3, 6-3; C J Lumley (unattached) and J P Snow bt J Howell (Bordeaux) and K Sheldon (Leamington), 6-5, 6-4, 6-3. Singles: Third round: Deuchar bt Fletcher, 6-2, 6-3, 6-0; Howell bt A J W Page, 6-5, 6-2, 6-1; Davies bt S Ronaldson 6-2, 6-1, 6-2.
HOLYPORT: George Wimpey women's singles championship, quarterfinal: J Vaughan bt V Dawes, 5-6, 6-3, 6-1; M Pignon bt C Armstrong-Smith, 6-1, 3-6, 8-5; F Mackintosh bt C George, 6-2, 6-1; J Page bt P Wilson, 6-1, 6-3.

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCH: Cambridge LX Club 3, Oxford Greyhounds 8.

SQUASH RACKETS

MUSCAT: Al Falj Open: First round: O Zaman (Pak) bt M Saad (Egypt), 6-9, 9-4, 9-8, 9-4; S Davenport (NZ) bt C Delmar (Aus), 9-6, 9-3, 9-2; C Robertson (Aus) bt H Jahan (Eng), 9-2, 9-3, 8-10, 0-9, 9-4; R Norman (NZ) bt T Nancarrow (Aus), 9-1, 9-2, 9-2; P Kenyon (Eng) bt M Ahmed (Pak), 9-1, 9-5, 9-5; R Thorne (Aus) bt K Smith (Aus), 9-3, 9-4, 9-1; G Briers (Eng) bt G Brumby (Aus), 9-6, 9-2, 6-9, 6-9, 9-6; J Khan (Pak) bt G Williams (Eng), 9-1, 9-0, 9-5.
SHEFFIELD: Ward's Hallamshire invitation championship: round robin: L Opie bt M Levens, 2-9, 4-9, 10-8, 9-8, 10-8; S Parke bt G Martin, 9-10, 9-5, 8-8, 9-6, 8-0 (rtrd); A Bennett bt S Ford, 10-8, 9-0, 7-9, 9-3; J Walker bt R Sellek, 9-3, 9-10, 9-2, 9-3.

TENNIS

MUNICH: Women's exhibition match: S Graf (WG) bt H Mandlikova (Cz), 5-7, 6-3, 6-2.
ARLINGTON: Association of Tennis Professionals rankings: 1, I Lendl (Cz); 2, B Becker (WG); 3, M Wilander (Swe), 4, S Edberg (Swe); 5, Y Noah (Fr); 6, H Leconte (Fr); 7, J Nystrom (Swe); 8, J Connors (US); 9, M Mecir (Cz), 10, A Gomez (Ec).

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TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated.

FA Cup

First round
Bristol Rovers v Brentford (7.45) ....

Second round
Southend v Northampton (7.45) .....

Full Members Cup

Third round
Everton v Newcastle .....

Freight Rover Trophy

Preliminary round
Brentford v Swindon (7.45) .....
Peterborough v Aldershot .....

Scottish premier division
Aberdeen v Falkirk .....
Clydebank v Hibernian .....
Dundee v Hamilton .....
Hearts v Celtic .....
Motherwell v Dundee Utd .....
Rangers v St Mirren .....

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Football Association v Vauxhall-Opel League (at Met Police FC, Imber Ct, Surrey).
GMAC CUP: Second round: Scarborough v Gateshead.
FA YOUTH CUP: Second round: Erith & Belvedere v Abingdon Town; Luton v Wolves.
KNIGHT FLOODLIT CUP: Barking v Rainham.
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE CUP: First Round, first Leg: Oswestry v Rhyl.
MULTIPART LEAGUE: Worksop v Burton.
SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Bill Dallow Cup: First round: Alvechurch v Halesowen; Fareham v Andover, King's Lynn v Corby; Leicester United v Grantham; Poole v Dorchester; Sutton Coldfield v Mile Oak; Tonbridge v Hastings; VS Rugby v Shepshed; Wellingborough v Rushden.
CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Aston Villa v Derby (7.0); Blackburn v Hull (7.0); Manchester City v Sunderland (6.45); Leicester v Manchester United (7.0); Newcastle v Everton (7.0); Sheffield Utd v Notts. Second division: Barnsley v Stoke (7.0), Blackpool v Scunthorpe (7.0), Bolton v Darlington (7.0); Wigan v Doncaster (7.0).
FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Crystal Palace v Portsmouth; West Bromwich v Bradford City (7.0); Norwich v Fulham.
VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Second division north: Chesham v Royston.

RUGBY UNION

THORN EMI COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Oxfordshire v Buckinghamshire (at Oxford, 7.15)
CLUB MATCHES: Abertillery v Pontypool (7.0); Bridgend v South Glamorgan Inst (7.15); Cross Keys v Maesteg (7.0)

OTHER SPORT

HOCKEY: Pizza Express London League: Cambridge University v Guildford, Oxford University v London University.
SNOOKER: Hofmeister World Doubles, final stages: (Derngate Centre Northampton).
SQUASH RACKETS: Hallamshire invitation tournament: (Hallamshire T & SC Sheffield).

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TELEVISION AND RADIO

Edited by Peter Dear and Peter Davalle

Britten, with and without distortion

● When Tony Palmer's film about Benjamin Britten, A Time There Was.... (Channel 4, 9.00pm), was first shown six years ago, it was a tribute only to Britten who had died four years earlier. Now, it is also a tribute to Peter Pears, very much alive when Palmer made his film, and an important contributor to it. Since then,Pears, too, has gone, and the film's concluding sequences devoted to *Death in Venice* — the opera that spoke so eloquently of so many elements in the lives of the composer and the singer — which were sad enough when Britten alone had departed, are now made ineffably moving with *the death of his closest friend* and collaborator. This is an affectionate film, sensitively controlled, and immensely detailed. The most accurate comparison that can be drawn between *A Time There Was* ... and some of Palmer's other films about musical personalities (Puccini and Wagner among them) is similar to the one that can be made between Ken Russell's poetic film about Elgar and the maniacal gyrations of his movie about Tchaikovsky. By coincidence, Radio 4 today repeats the edition of **With Great Pleasure** (11.00am) in which Peter Pears, not long before his death, made a selection of some of his favourite poetry and prose.

● I applaud Channel 4 for providing a coda to Palmer's film about *Benjamin Britten* — a performance by the Lindsay Quartet of Britten's String Quartet No 3 (10.30pm), composed shortly before Britten died. This is a noble interpretation of the work. The miracle is that the *nobility manages to survive* despite some reflecting panels behind the players that so distort them that they sometimes look like something out of Francis Bacon. The neon squiggles don't *help much, either.*

● Some judicious trimming of superfluous detail would not have come amiss in this week's film in Desmond Wilcox's series **The Visit** (BBC1, 9.35pm). The tale it tells is a good one, though: the reunion of twins in their sixties, neither of whom suspected that she had a sister and neither of whom knew that the mother who abandoned them to the not-too-tender care of foster families, was still alive. The film is essentially a detective story, using the word in the non-Dennis Potter sense. For some reason, not sufficiently explained, it then goes off on a tangent, linking the "detective" (a *social service official) with* research being carried out in the United States into the similarities and differences between identical twins.

● Radio choice: The BBC's recently-appointed Chairman, Duke Hussey, is guest of the week on **Woman's Hour** (Radio 4, 2.00pm)... There is a second chance (Radio 4, 9.00pm) to hear Jessie Kesson's play **Three Score and Ten, Sir**, a most perceptive study of the sad devastation that death and environmental changes can cause in the lives of the elderly. The drama is part of Scottish Drama Week which, in the main, continues to make good listening.....Musical highlights include Dmitri Alexeev playing Prokofiev's Piano Concerto No 2, with the BBC SO (Radio 3, 7.30pm).

Peter Davalle

CHOICE

The unsuspecting twins: Lilian (left) and Betty. The Visit (BBC1,9.35pm)

BBC1

6.00 **Ceefax AM.**
6.30 **News** headlines followed by **The Flintstones.** (r) 6.55 **Weather.**
7.00 **Breakfast Time** with Frank Bough, Sally Magnusson and Jeremy Paxman. National and international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30; regional news and travel at 7.15, 7.45 and 8.15; and weather at 7.25, 7.55 and 8.25.
8.40 **Watchdog.** Hot Seat - a chance to question people whose decisions affect your life 8.55 Regional news and weather 9.00 **News** update.
9.05 **Day to Day.** Robert Kilroy-Silk, his guests and a studio audience, *discuss tranquillizer safety.* 9.45 **Advice Shop.** Margo MacDonald with supplementary benefit advice 10.00 **Neighbours.** (r)
10.20 **The Wombles.** (r) 10.25 **Phillip Schofield** with children's television programme news, and birthday greetings 10.30 **Play School.** 10.50 **Henry's Cat.** (r)
10.55 **Five to Eleven.** *Fulton Mackay* with a thought for the day 11.00 **Day Out** with Angela Rippon on the Nadder, the Ebble, and Cranborne Chase. (r) 11.30 **Open Air.** Viewers say what they think about television programmes.
12.25 **Domesday Detectives.** Quiz game for teams about Britain 12.55 Regional news and weather.
1.00 **One O'Clock news** with Martyn Lewis. Weather 1.25 **Neighbours.** 1.50 **Little Misses.** Little Miss Helpful.
2.00 **Film: Not Just Another Affair** (1982) starring Victoria Principal and Gil Gerard. A *made-for-television tale of a* wealthy lady-killer lawyer who believes he can conquer his courtroom adversary with his irresistible charm. But the lady, a marine biologist, is not interested in the opposite sex and lives only for her work. Directed by Steven Stern 3.30 **Misterjaw Supershark.** Cartoon 3.40 **Save a Life.** Emergency first aid series. (r) (Ceefax)
3.50 **Pinny's House,** read by Matilda Thorpe 4.00 **Animal Fair** with Don Spencer 4.05 **The Adventures of Bullwinkle and Rocky.** (r) 4.10 **Heathcliffe and Co.** 4.35 **Hartbeat** with Derek Hart.
5.00 **John Craven's Newsround** 5.05 **The Children of Green Knowe.** Part two.
5.35 **Mastertearn.**
6.00 **News** with Nicholas Witchell and Philip Hayton. Weather.
6.35 **London Plus.**
7.00 **Wogan.** Tonight's guests include Lord Longford, Jean Rook, and the fastest talker in the world, John Moschitta. Music is provided by A-Ha.
7.35 **The Clothes Show** presented by Selina Scott and Jeff Banks. Ian McCaskill models the latest in lenswear; Jane Lomas tries supermarket fashion; Graham Smith of Kangol displays a collection of hats; and Anouska Hempel shows off her wardrobe. (r)
8.00 **Dallas.** Bobby and Pam prepare to plight their troths once again. (Ceefax)
8.50 **Points of View** with Barry Took.
9.00 **A Party Political Broadcast** on behalf of the Labour Party.
9.05 **News** with Julia Somerville and John Humphrys. Regional news and weather.
9.35 **The Visit,** presented by Desmond Wilcox. A widow, 62-year old Lilian Wales, is reunited with Betty, her twin she never knew she had. (Ceefax) (see Choice)
10.25 **Sportsnight,** introduced by Steve Rider. An appreciation of Arsenal, the London football team that celebrates the centenary of its foundation on Christmas Day; plus action from Belfast in the Pat Jennings testimonial match; and cricket: highlights of the last day's play in the second test in Perth.
11.55 **Weather.**

Benjamin Britten and Peter Pears: Tony Palmer's documentary A Time There Was.... (Channel 4, 9.00pm)

BBC 2

5.35 **Cricket: Second Test.** Live coverage of the last afternoon's session. Ends at 7.40
9.00 **Ceefax**
9.15 **Daytime on Two:** how the Scots cope with their climate 9.35 **Ceefax** 10.00 For the very young 10.15 Science: hearing 10.38 Solving scientific problems by measurement 11.00 Words and pictures 11.17 Living on a Croft.
11.40 Do boys or girls get the best roles in life? 12.02 Maths: statistics 12.25 Working in a family business 12.48 Spanish language course 1.10 The state of English law 1.38 Preparing for a pantomime 2.00 Thinkabout 2.15 Finland's winter festivals.
2.35 **Sports Afternoon** includes a profile of downhill skier Martin Bell. 3.55 Regional news
4.00 **Pamela Armstrong.** This afternoon's guests include Lord Forte.
4.35 **Global Report: Valley of Hope.** A report on the revolutionary health plan of a village in the La Esperanza valley. (r)
5.00 **Domesday Detectives.** A repeat of the programme shown on BBC 1 at 12.25.
5.30 **Cover to Cover** presented by Jill Neville. Auberon Waugh discusses a new biography of his father; Jeremy Cherfas reviews Richard Mabey's biography of Gilbert White; and Nigerian novelist Buchi Emechata talks about her autobiography.
6.00 **Film: A Man Alone** (1955) starring Ray Milland and Mary Murphy. A gunman at the scene of a stage hold-up is forced to kill a lawman in self-defence. While he is on the run he investigates who was responsible for the hold-up and the killings that accompanied the robbery. The film marked the directorial debut of Ray Milland.
7.35 **Cricket: Second Test.** Highlights of the final day's play in Perth.
8.00 **Paul Simon.** A Whistle Test Extra in which the celebrated American singer talks about the background to the making of his solo album,Graceland.
8.30 **Out of Court** includes an investigation into the ruling on whether or not a woman is legally responsible for the foetus in her womb; and police policy towards battered wives.
9.00 **M*A*S*H.** Hawkeye is in despair as bureaucracy *thwarts his attempts to acquire* a new pair of boots to replace the ones that let in water. (r)
9.25 **Breaking Up.** Part three and with the Mallers' divorce looking inevitable, social worker Clare has to decide which of the parents can offer their son the best home.
10.15 **The Trouble With Sex.** This final programme of the series examines sex education.
10.45 **A Party Political Broadcast** on behalf of the Labour Party.
10.50 **Newsnight.** 11.35 **Weather.**

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6.15 **TV-am: Good Morning Britain,** presented by Anne Diamond and Geoff Meade. News with David Foster at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; financial news at 6.35; sport at 6.40 and 7.40; exercises at 6.55 and 9.17; cartoon at 7.25; pop music at 7.55; and the results of the Funny people competition at 8.35. The After Nine guests include Farah Fawcett Major.
9.25 **Thames news** headlines.
9.30 **Schools:** maths - the number '5' 9.42 Children's experiences of being ignored 9.59 How prejudice affects people 10.33 Andrew Nickolds' story of the Mummy's Tomb 11.00 History - the 1936 Berlin Olympics 11.22 The versatility of the human voice 11.39 Shopping in Paris.
12.00 **The Giddy Game Show.** (r) 12.10 **Our Backyard.** (r) 12.30 **Spin-Offs.** Tim Brooke-Taylor continues his tour of interesting places made more accessible by the opening of the M25.
1.00 **News at One** with Leonard Parkin includes the third part of the series on Aids, today *examining the best ways of* putting over the facts about the disease to the public. 1.20 **Thames news.**
1.30 **A Country Practice.** Medical drama serial set in an Australian rural community 2.30 **Farmhouse Kitchen.** Grace Mulligan and Joan Tyers prepare microwave meals.
3.00 **Take the High Road.** A postman's hat is found floating in the loch 3.25 **Thames news** headlines 3.30 **Sons and Daughters.**
4.00 **Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends.** Narrated by Ringo Starr 4.10 **The telebugs** 4.20 **S.W.A.L.L.O.W.** David Bellamy unravels clues set by pupils from Marden Bridge Middle Achoo! 4.45 **Hold Tight!** with The Housemartins and the Red Devils.
5.15 **Blockbusters.** General knowledge game for teenagers, presented by Bob Holness.
5.45 **News** with Alastair Stewart 6.00 **Thames news.**
6.25 **Help!** Viv Taylor Gee with the second of three programmes discusses lip-reading. (subtitled)
6.35 **Crossroads.** Nicole is not in a sociable mood.
7.00 **This Is Your Life.** Eamonn Andrews springs an emotional surprise on another unsuspecting worthy.
7.30 **Coronation Street.** Alec Gilroy show Bet another side of his character. (Oracle)
8.00 **Strike It Lucky.** *Game show* using the latest technology, presented by Michael Barrymore.
8.30 **The Benny Hill Show.** Highlights from the master of innuendos past series'
9.00 **The Equalizer.** Edward Woodward stars as Robert McCall, a sort of one-man A-Team based in Manhattan where, tonight, he is asked to help a lady who has moved into a district controlled by a violent gang. (Oracle)
10.00 **A Party Political Broadcast** on behalf of the Labour Party.
10.05 **News** with Sandy Gall and Carol Barnes. Weather followed by Thames news headlines.
10.35 **Midweek Sport Special.** International boxing from *Frank Warren's bill* at the Alexandra Pavilion including a welterweight bout featuring Sylvester Mittee and a middleweight contest between Errol Christie and Charlie Boston from New Jersey. The commentators are Reg Gutteridge, Jim Rosenthal and Jim Watt. In the studio, Nick Owen and Tony Francis have a round-up of the rest of the sporting news.
12.15 **That's Hollywood.** Clips from science fiction and fantasy films.
12.40 **Night Thoughts.**

Debbie Reynolds and Donald O'Connor in the romantic comedy I Love Melvin (Channel 4, 2.30pm)

CHANNEL 4

2.15 **Their Lordships' House.** (r)
2.30 **Film: I Love Melvin** (1953) starring Donald O'Connor and Debbie Reynolds. Musical *comedy about a* photographer's assistant who persuades a chorus girl that he can get her picture on the cover of Look magazine. Directed by Don Weis.
4.00 **Mavis on 4.** In this week's edition of Predicaments, Mavis *talks to a group of people* whose lives have been severely affected by the problems of retirement.
4.30 **Countdown.** Yesterday's winner is challenged by Michael Stephenson from near Harrogate.
5.00 **Silents, Please: The Black Pirate"** A condensed version of the swashbuckling tale of a nobleman who becomes a feared pirate while avenging his father's death. Made in 1926, starring Douglas *Fairbank Sr., and directed by* Albert Parker.
5.30 **Hogan's Heroes.** Vintage American comedy series about a resourceful group of Allied prisoners-of-war who make life hell for their captors.
6.00 **The Abbott and Costello Show"** Lou and Bud come to the assistance of an old lady who has been thrown out of her home but their good intentions only make matters worse for the woman.
6.30 **In Time of War: Shadow of the Bomber.** Clips from Soldiers with Wings, a 1939 film about the theory of strategic bombing; and the 1944-made The Unknown Battle which examined the wartime practice of bombing. (Oracle)
7.00 **Channel 4 News** with Peter Sissons includes an assessment of the successes and failures of Industry Year.
7.50 **Comment.** This week's political slot is filled by Denzil Davies, the Shadow Secretary of State for Defence. **Weather.**
8.00 *Looking Into* **Paintings.** Robert Cumming, director of Christie's Fine Arts Course examines Constable's The Hay Wain. (r) (Oracle)
8.30 **The New Enlightenment.** Part four of Professor Kenneth Minogue's series explores the thesis that it is only individuals who can create real wealth.
9.00 **A Time There Was....** On the eve of the tenth anniversary of his death, a profile of Benjamin Britten. (see Choice)
10.30 **The Lindsay Quartet** perform Britten's String Quartet No 3 Opus 49, which was dedicated to the late writer and broadcaster, Hans Keller.
11.25 **Aerial View.** A successful Canadian architect begins to question the ethics of his work and in consequence drives his *wife from their retreat back* to Montreal. Starring Kenneth Urmland.
12.30 **Their Lordships' House.** The day's debates in the House of Lords. Presented by Glyn Mathias. Ends at 12.45.

VARIATIONS

BBC1 WALES 5.35-6.00 Wales Today. 6.35-7.00 Juice. 11.55-12.00 News headlines; weather. SCOTLAND 10.55-11.00 Dotaman. 6.35-7.00 Reporting Scotland. NORTHERN IRELAND 5.35-5.40 Today's Sport. 5.40-6.00 *Inside Ulster.* 5.35-7.00 Mastertearn. 11.55-12.00 News and weather. ENGLAND 5.35-7.00 Regional news magazines.

BBC2 WALES 8.30am-8.55 Mastertearn. 8.55-9.00 Interval. NORTHERN IRELAND 11.40am-12.02pm Ceefax.

ANGLIA As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Gardens of *All* 1.20-1.30 News 6.00-6.35 About Anglia 12.15am Art Blakey at Ronnie Scott's 12.45 Joy in my Soul, Closedown.

BORDER As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Gardening Time 1.20-1.30 News 3.00 Lady Hugh Russell at Home 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors 6.00-6.35 Lookaround 12.15am Closedown.

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TSW As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Gardens for All 1.20-1.30 News 5.15 Gus Honeybun 5.20-5.45 Crossroads 6.00 Today South West 6.30-7.00 Emmerdale Farm 12.15am Postscript, Closedown.

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TYNE TEES As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Orphans of the Wild 1.20 News 1.25-1.30 Where the Jobs Are 6.00-6.35 *Northern Life* 12.15am Preparing for Christmas, Closedown.

ULSTER As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Something to Treasure 1.20-1.30 Lunchtime 3.30-4.00 Wild World of Animals 6.00-6.35 Good Evening Ulster 12.15am Festival Folk 12.40 News, Closedown.

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Radio 1

MF (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see below)
News on the half-hour from 6.30am until 8.30pm then at 10.00 and 12.00 midnight.
5.30am Adrian John 7.00 Mike Smith's Breakfast Show 9.30 Simon Bates 12.30pm Newsbeat (Frank Partridge) 12.45 Gary Davies 3.00 Steve Wright 5.30 Newsbeat (Frank Partridge) 5.45 Bruno Brookes (incl Top 30 album chart) 7.30 Janice Long 10.00-12.00 John Peel. VHF Stereo Radios 1 & 2: 4.00am As Radio 2. 10.00pm As Radio 1. 12.00-4.00am As Radio 2.

Radio 2

News on the hour. Sports Desks 1.05pm, 2.02, 3.02, 4.02, 5.05, 6.02, 6.45 (mf only), 9.55. Cricket: Second Test reports at 4.02am, 5.02, 6.02, 7.07, 8.07, 9.02, 10.02, 11.02.
4.00am Colin Berry 5.30 Ray Moore 7.30 Derek Jameson 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.00 Jimmy Young 1.05pm David Jacobs 2.00 Gloria Hunniford 3.30 David Hamilton 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Folk On 2 8.30 The Spinners And Friends (special guest Pam Ayres) 9.00 Listen To The Band 10.00 Aspects of Max Wall 10.15 Roger Whittaker 10.30 The Golden Years (much-loved singers of the past) 11.00 Brian Matthew 1.00am Charles Nove 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music.

WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk (until 6.30). 7.00 News. 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 7.30 Development '86. 8.00 News. 8.09 Reflections. 8.15 Classical Record Review. 8.30 Just a Minute. 9.00 News. 9.09 Review of British Press. 9.15 World Today. 9.30 Financial News. 9.40 Look Ahead. 9.45 Lyrics and Lyricists. 10.00 News. 10.01 Omnibus. 10.30 Jazz Score. 11.00 News. 11.09 News About Britain. 11.15 Street Life. 11.25 *A Letter from Wales* (until 11.30). 12.00 Radio Newsreel. 12.15 Masterpiece in Miniature. 12.25 Farming World. 12.45 Sports Roundup. 1.00 News. 1.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 1.30 Development '86. 2.00 Outlook. 2.45 Report on Religion. 3.00 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 Writers at Home 3.30 King Street Junior. 4.00 News. 4.09 Commentary. 4.15 Rock Salad. 4.45 World Today. 5.00 News. 5.09 *A Letter From Wales* (until 5.15). 5.00 News. 5.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 5.30 Assignment. 6.00 News. 6.01 Network UK. 9.15 Recording of Week. 10.00 News. 10.09 World Today. 10.25 A Letter From Wales. 10.30 Financial News. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11.00 News. 11.09 Commentary. 11.15 Good Books. 11.30 Multitrack 2 – Top Twenty. 12.00 News. 12.09 News About Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 King Street Junior. 1.00 News. 1.01 Outlook. 1.30 Waveguide. 1.40 Book Choice. 1.45 Body Talk. 2.00 News. 2.09 Review of British Press. 2.15 Network UK. 2.30 Assignment. 3.00 News. 3.09 News About Britain. 3.15 World Today. 3.30 Not Shakespeare's "Lear". 3.50 Phantom of Marseilles. 4.00 Newsdesk. 4.30 Classical Record Review (until 4.45). 5.45 World Today.All times in GMT

Radio 3

5.35am **Medium wave.** Test Match in Perth. *Coverage continues until* 10.05am
6.55 **amVHF. Weather.** 7.00 News
7.05 Concert: Tchaikovsky (Suite No 4, Op 61, Mozartiana: Suisse Romande, with Ricci, violin), Albeniz (Mallorca, Op 202), Granados (Danza espanola, No 5: Bream, guitar), Poulenc (Sonata for flute and orchestra: Galway with RPO). 8.00 News
8.05 Concert (continued): Bartok (Two Portraits, Op 5: Vienna PO), Debussy (Suite bergamasque: Weissenberg, piano), Stravinsky (Divertimento, Le baiser de la fée: London Sinfonietta). 9.00 News
9.05 This Week's Composers: At the Court of Dresden. Recordings of works by Heinichen (Concerto in E flat, with New Bach Collegium Musicum), and Zelenka (Requiem in C minor: Berne Chamber Choir and Orchestra and soloists)
10.05 L'Eventail de Jeanne: Philharmonia under Geoffrey Simon play the ballet with music by Auric, Schmitt, Poulenc, Ravel, Ferroud, Ibert, Roland-Manuel, Delannoy, Roussel and Milhaud
10.40 Czechs at Home and Abroad: Schubert Ensemble of London. Dvorak (Piano Quartet No 1), Martinu (Piano Trio No 2)
11.30 Matinee musicale: BBC Scottish SO (under Bramwell Rovey), with Geoffrey Trabichoff (violin). Dorward (Comedy Overture; The Cooper O' Fife), Coates (Elizabeth of Glamis), Mozart (Adagio in E, K 261, and Rondo in C, K 373), Borodin (In the steppes of central Asia), Musgrave (Scottish Dance Suite movements), Massenet (Meditation, Thais), Delibes (Waltz and Czardas, Coppélia)
12.30 Transatlantic Blues: first programme in a new series. Dave Gelly presents recordings made by Louis Armstrong, during the two visits he paid to Europe during the 1930s. 1.00 News
1.05 Fairfield Quartet: Schubert (Quartet movement in C minor, D 703), Debussy (Quartet in G minor)
2.00 American Lollipops: Ives (Variations on a national hymn:Saar RSO under Leonard Slatkin), Barber (Adagio for strings), Copland (Billy the Kid suite). Last two works are also performed by the Saar RSO under Slatkin
2.50 Record Review: includes Nicholas Kenyon's guide to recordings of masses by William Byrd, and Joan Chissell on new piano records. Also new recordings of Haydn symphonies by L'Estro Armonico, reviewed by Stephen Pettitt. (r)
4.00 Choral Evensong: from Bristol Cathedral.Organist and master of choristers is Malcolm Archer. 4.55 News
5.00 Midweek Choice: Rlisager (Trumpet Concerto, with Gilbert Johnson/Philadelphia), Mozart (Divertimento in E flat, K 563: Heifetz/Primrose/ *Fueuermann*),Debussy (Rhapsody for sax and orchestra: Rascher and New York PO), Dohnanyi (Piano Concerto No 1: Balint Vazonyi, with New Philharmonia)
7.00 Debut: Paul Goodwin (baroque oboe), Nicholas Parle (harpsichord).. Thomas Vincent, Son (Sonata No 6), Bach (Sonata oin G minor)
7.30 BBC SO (under Sir John Pritchard), with Dmitri Alexeev (piano). Part one. Prokofiev (Piano Concerto No 2). A direct transmission from the Royal Festival Hall in London.
8.00 Six Continents: foreign radio broadcasts
8.20 *Concert: part two.* Shostakovich (Symphony No 11)
9.35 Guitar music: Frederic Zigante plays Bach's Suite in A minor, BWV 997, and Villa-Lobos's Preludes Nos 1 and 4
10.05 Mozart: Sonata in E flat, K 380. Nona Liddell (violin), Daphne Ibbott (piano)
10.30 Music for strife and sorrow: laments and battle music from the Scottish Gaelic tradition
10.50 First Night: Robert Cushman gives his verdict on a new production
11.00 Manchester Chamber Music: Philip Martin (piano). Rachmaninov (Sonata No 2) and Schubert (*Moments musicaux*, D 780)
11.57 News. 12.00 Close

Radio 4

LF (long wave). (s) Stereo on VHF.
5.55 Shipping. 6.00 News Briefing; includes 6.10 Farming.
6.30 Today, incl 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News. 7.25, 8.25 *Sport.* 7.45 Thought for the Day. 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament
9.00 News
9.05 Midweek With Libby Purves (s)
10.00 News; Gardeners' Question Time.
10.30 Morning Story. The Vanishing Rooster by Jill Norris. The reader is Shirley Dixon.
10.45 The Daily Service. Advent Calendar. The Promised Deliverer (s)
11.00 With Great Pleasure. Sir Peter Pears selects his favourite prose and poetry. With Julia Lang. Recorded in the Jubilee Hall, Aldeburgh, in January this year.(r) (s)
11.48 Talking Toys. A World of Toys. A visit to the biggest toy convention of the year . *The reporter is* Bob Symes
12.00 News; You and Yours..
12.27 A Matter of Honour by Jeffrey Archer. Fourth of seven episodes (s). With Michael York, Simon Ward and Tom Chadbon. *12.55* Weather
1.00 The World At One. News
1.35 A Party Political Broadcast (by the Labour Party)
1.49 The Archers.
2.00 News; Woman's Hour with Sue MacGregor. Includes an interview with Marmaduke Hussey, the new Chairman of the BBC Board of Governors. Also episode 7 of the book Circles in a Forest.
3.00 News; The Afternoon Play. *London Belongs to* Me by Norman Collins (part 2).
3.47 Time For Verse. Minor Victorians presented by Kingsley Amis. Part 2
4.00 News
4.05 Ile On 4 (r)
4.45 Kaleidoscope. An edited version of last night's edition. Includes comment on Woundinge at the Royal Exchange, Manchester, the film Kangaroo, and Manchester exhibitions
5.00 PM News magazine. 5.50 Shipping. 5.55 Weather
6.00 News; Financial Report
6.30 Instant Sunshine...Reasonably Together Again (New series). With special guests The Fine Arts Brass Ensemble (s)
7.00 News
7.06 The Archers

Marmaduke Hussey: on Radio 4, at 2.00pm

7.20 In Business
7.45 The Reith Lectures 1986. Law, Justice and Democracy by Lord McCluskey
8.15 Analysis: Baker's Score. David Wheeler asks how far the Education Secretary's proposal for Inner City Technology Colleges will improve on the present shortage of scientists and technicians.
9.00 Scottish Drama: Three Score and Ten, Sir by Jessie Kesson. With Mary Wimbush about the woman who has to face up the changes that growing old can bring (r)
9.30 How Low Can You Get (new series). Opera singer Robert Lloyd gives the first of three talks
9.45 Kaleidoscope. Includes a special feature, Monet *Well Spent? It sis about the* Musée d'Orsay in Paris
10.15 A Book At Bedtime. The Fall of Kelvin Walker — a fable for the 60's by Alasdair Walker (part 1 of 8).
10.29 Weather
10.30 The World Tonight
11.15 The Financial World Tonight
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00 News; Weather.
12.33 Shipping.
VHF (available in England and S Wales) as above except 5.55-6.00am Weather; Travel. 11.00-12.00 For Schools:

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Bad psychology to let Australia off the hook

From John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent, Perth

Play in the second Test match here yesterday revolved first around the follow-on, which Australia saved, and then a second innings declaration by England, which they must have hoped to make before the close but felt unable to. With one day left, or a minimum of 90 overs, England lead by 390 runs, more than enough to get Australia in first thing today.

On a pitch which occasionally did extravagant things – one ball to Border and another to Gatting, both of which hit a crack, must have moved a foot or more from leg to off – only Gower, with his marvellous gift of timing, scored at all freely.

Despite their strength, and although they were looking for scoring chances, Gatting took 121 balls to make 70 and Botham was half an hour over six. In Waugh and Reid, bowling to protected fields, Australia found an effective pair of blockers. Waugh's five for 69 being as good a return as he is likely to have in Test cricket.

For all that, England should have made it their business to get Australia in again last night. Gatting will say that he wanted the runs he has got so that his bowlers are able to crowd the bat today, and there is something in that.

On the other hand, you may be sure Australia were relieved not to have to go in again for five or six hours before yesterday's close, and the chances of their getting even 330 to win, let alone 391, were remote enough. It was bad psychology, I thought, not to keep up the pressure on Australia. The enemy may feel now that perhaps England are not quite as confident after all.

Without knowing for certain whether England would have enforced the follow-on, Australia were mighty relieved when, just before lunch, they saved it. Having played the stroke which did the trick, Border did a Highland fling while his side cheered with delight. Australia may have felt, there and then, that they would save the game.

Border was already passed his 100, his twentieth for Australia and sixth against England, two of them at Perth. He becomes only the tenth batsman to score 20 Test hundreds.

It is a roll of famous names: Gavaskar (who has scored 32), Bradman (29), Sobers (26), Greg Chappell (24), Hammond, Cowdrey and Boycott (all 22), Harvey (21), Barrington and Richards (20).

England gave the impression of a side keen to put Australia back in if they could. There was obviously something to be said, though, for their trying for quick runs themselves and having all today in which to bowl Australia out a second time on a deteriorating pitch, which is how things worked out.

Needing 84 runs when the day started to reach 393 and so avoid, come what may, having to bat again, Australia got them in the penultimate over before lunch, by when Reid, their last man, was Border's partner.

They lost Zoehrer after 25 minutes, a leg-before to Dilley, who had started the bowling with Botham. As he usually does, Botham often bowled too short, partly because he placed two long legs for Zoehrer, a fairly bizarre tactic in the circumstances. Right from the start Gatting laid the field back for Border, as though he thought there was little chance of getting him out.

For Australia's eighth wicket Border and Lawson added 26 before, at 360, DeFreitas, upon replacing Botham, bowled Lawson. Chris Matthews's appearance brought two strange lapses from Border, first when, with Matthews still to get off the mark, he took a single off the first ball of an over, then when he took another off the second of the next, each time after much hesitation.

But if Border's running was briefly suspect, his batting was not. His was a very fine innings, as timely as it was resolute and technically accomplished. Still only 31, and with cricket as his full-time occupation, he could finish up with even more Test hundreds than Gavaskar.

When Matthews, a blond and burly left-hander, was ninthout, miscuing an attempted drive to mid-off, Australia were still eight runs short of their immediate target. A boundary through the covers by Border off Emburey got them there, and it was not until the third over of the afternoon that Australia's first innings ended, Richards making something of a meal of a diving catch offered by Border off Dilley.

Border had batted for 6¼ hours, faced 282 balls and hit 17 fours. There was just under 10 hours of the match left when England began their second innings, 191 runs ahead.

In the second over Athey was brilliantly taken at second slip by Border, diving to his left. The temporary dislocation of the little finger of his left hand which Border suffered in making the catch may inconvenience him today.

Broad was then leg-before, as was Lamb to an in-swinger of full length. Gatting was luckier, surviving two confident appeals for l-b-w. Only Gower did as he wanted, assuming, as soon as he came in, an effortless superiority. In 56 balls he made 48 and added 73 with Gatting.

There was a long lull after Gower had been caught at the wicket, driving at a widish ball, with Botham struggling to find his touch and Gatting anxious about a collapse. This was a pity. It probably decided Gatting not to declare before the close, even if it did mean England having all the runs today they can possibly need. What might have been best was to send Botham in higher up.

As it was, Reid and Waugh enabled Australia to win this particular battle. Reid had Botham caught at mid-off, driving at a ball which never quite came on to him, and only in the last half-hour did England throw the bat, DeFreitas's 15 being a conspicuously unselfish effort.

Gatting was bowled, having a swing, and Richards caught at long off, doing the same. It has been an excellent match and there is still the promise of a good last day, with the odds marginally in favour of a draw.

Scoreboard

ENGLAND: First innings 592 for 8 dec (B C Broad 162, C W J Athey 96, D I Gower 136, C J Richards 139; B A Reid 4 for 115).

Second innings

B C Broad lbw b Waugh	16
C W J Athey c Border b Reid	6
*M W Gatting b Waugh	70
A J Lamb lbw b Reid	2
D I Gower c Zoehrer b Waugh	48
I T Botham c G Matthews b Reid	6
†C J Richards c Lawson b Waugh	15
P A J DeFreitas b Waugh	15
J E Emburey not out	4
Extras (b 4, lb 9, nb 4)	17
Total (8 wkts)	199

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-47, 3-50, 4-123, 5-140, 6-172, 7-190, 8-199.

BOWLING: Reid 21-3-52-3; Lawson 9-1-44-0; Waugh 21.3-4-69-5; C Matthews 2-0-15-0.

AUSTRALIA: First innings

G R Marsh c Broad b Botham	15
D C Boon b Dilley	2
S R Waugh c Botham b Emburey	71
D M Jones c Athey b Edmonds	27
*A R Border c Richards b Dilley	125
G M Ritchie c Botham b Edmonds	33
G R J Matthews c Botham b Dilley	45
†T M Zoehrer lbw b Dilley	29
G F Lawson b DeFreitas	13
C D Matthews c Broad b Emburey	10
B A Reid not out	2
Extras (b 9, lb 9, nb 11)	29
Total	401

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-64, 3-114, 4-128, 5-198, 6-279, 7-334, 8-360, 9-385, 10-401.

BOWLING: Botham 22-4-72-1; Dilley 24.4-4-79-4; Emburey 43-9-110-2; DeFreitas 24-4-67-1; Edmonds 21-4-55-2.

Umpires: P McConnell and R French.

Tactical innings: England's captain Gatting, in scoring 70, got the runs that he wanted

Sangster gives Hills 70 target

By Michael Seely

Robert Sangster took the opportunity at Newmarket sales yesterday to set Barry Hills his target for 1987 and to deny that Manton, the 2,300-acre training complex from which he sacked Michael Dickinson last week, was up for sale.

"I want 70 winners from Barry next season," said Sangster, the Isle of Man-based millionaire. "He's just the man to do it. He's been there all week. He rode out three lots yesterday and rings me every morning at 7am sharp."

In 1986, Hills saddled 55 winners worth £347,568 from his Lambourn headquarters and finished sixth in the trainers' prize money table behind Michael Stoute, Guy Harwood, Henry Cecil, John Dunlop and Luca Cumani.

Sangster refused to confirm that one of the reasons for dismissing Dickinson was the sheer expense of training 50 horses on an estate which had cost £40 million to buy and refurbish.

He added: "Barry will be training between 100 and 120 horses for myself and other owners like Mr Abdulla and Sheikh Mohammed. And as he will be charging about £170 a week, the operation will become more viable."

In effect, Manton will be run as a public training establishment. Sangster said that a financial agreement with Hills would be worked out today.

'I've never sacked a trainer before'

Sangster went on: "I'm certainly not going to say anything derogatory about Michael Dickinson. He's a workaholic and totally dedicated. But in the end things became impossible with a total breakdown in communications. But it still took me four weeks to come to a decision as I've never sacked a trainer before.

"I talked the matter over with Colin Hayes, the top trainer in Australia. My first idea was to install Ivan Allan from Singapore as manager. But then to my astonishment, Colin said he would come over for a year to help get things going on an even keel and organize feeding and work on more traditional lines. Michael found this totally unacceptable and that was the last straw in our relationship."

Although Hills has now taken over the reins, Dickinson is still ensconced in Manton Lodge. "He was supposed to have gone on Monday," said Sangster, "but he can stay there as long as he likes as Barry is moving into the big house."

Sangster refused to comment about Dickinson's compensation for the abrupt termination of his contract. "That's between our lawyers and they are now discussing it." However, friends of Dickinson say that the question of compensation is a vital one as far as the trainer's future is concerned and that it may be some time before agreement is reached.

Cash Asmussen, the American jockey, will also be based at Manton on weekdays during the next Flat racing season. "I'm perfectly happy about our jockey arrangement," said Sangster.

"Cash will be riding all my horses when he is not required by Vincent O'Brien. And on Saturdays we'll use Pat Eddery, Steve Cauthen, Brent Thomson or whoever's available."

Rumours of Irish debts dismissed

Sangster dismissed any suggestion that either he or his Ballydoyle and Coolmore training and breeding centres might be in financial difficulties due to the recent decline in bloodstock values. When asked about the rumour that Coolmore owed £19 million to the Irish Allied Bank, he retorted: "Absolute rubbish.

"Of course, prices have dropped a great deal. Three years ago 10 yearlings were sold for over a million in Europe but this time there hasn't been one. It's a buyers' market and I'm taking advantage of it. I've already spent £5 million on yearlings this summer and autumn."

Sangster, who has been Britain's leading owner five times in the past 10 years, concluded: "Although I had only four winners from Michael and none at all from Ballydoyle, I still finished sixth in the owners' table, thanks to Mick Easterby with Wiganthorpe and Charlie Nelson with Double Schwartz, so I can't be said to be doing too badly."

Wilmot to rescue

East London (Reuter) – Lorrie Wilmot, the ageing Springbok brought out of retirement to lead Border, launched his side's revival against Kim Hughes's Australian "rebels" after the first day of a three-day game at the Jan Smuts ground here yesterday.

Wilmot's hard-hit 44 in a fourth-wicket partnership of 69 with Hayes (74) turned the tide for Border before Osborne (97 not out) took his side to a comfortable 317 for seven at the close.

Border 317 for 7 (B M Osborne 97 not out, G L Hayes 74, L Wilmot 44; C G Rackemann 3-72); v K J Hughes's Australian XI.

SNOOKER

Seeds given tough time

Neal Foulds and John Parrott found it difficult to live up to their No. 7 seeding when the began their third round match in the £200,000 Hofmeister World Doubles championship in Northampton yesterday.

Foulds, runner-up to Steve Davis in the Tennents UK Open at the weekend, and Parrott, semi-finalist in the same event, might have been expected to brush aside the unseeded partnership of Steve Newbury and Roger Bales without getting into too much of a lather.

The reality, however, was a little different. It took Parrott and Foulds 42 minutes to win a scrappy first frame on the black and a further 30 minutes to stretch their lead to 2-0 with an unconvincing 58-31 success in the second frame. The seeded pair then however caught alight to go through 5-1.

There was no easy passage, either, for Silvino Francisco and his nephew, Peter, the No. 8 seeds. Their opponents, Vic Harris and Dave Gilbert came successfully through a second round match against Dean Reynolds and Steve Longworth by a 5-4 margin and quickly showed that they were again prepared for a long struggle.

Breaks of 52 and 36 by Peter Francisco saw the South African partnership safely through the opening frame, but Harris replied in splendid fashion with a 70 break that won the second.

RESULTS: S Francisco and P Francisco (SA) bt V Harris and D Gilbert (Eng), 5-4. Frame scores: (Franciscos first): 92-22, 17-71, 61-44, 12-78, 75-26, 27-67, 96-0, 36-80, 55-41; J Parrott and N Foulds (Eng) bt S Newbury (Wal) and R Bales (Eng), 5-1. Frame scores (Parrott and Foulds first): 48-46, 58-31, 45-53, 73-5, 105-1, 60-52.

FOOTBALL

Rush puts an end to the speculation

By Steve Bates

Ian Rush yesterday resolved the confusion and controversy surrounding his proposed move to Juventus when he confirmed that the £3.2 million transfer will go ahead as planned this summer.

The feared 25-year old forward killed off increasing, but misguided, speculation that he would remain at Anfield, in a statement which came as a bitter disappointment to the "Rushie Action Committee", who organized the attempt to keep Britain's top goalscorer.

In Turin, Giampiero Boniperti, the Juventus president, was said to be "delighted" that Rush would be fulfilling his contract to join the Fiat-backed club next season.

The Liverpool player said last night: "In June this year I signed a legally- binding contract to play for Juventus and I intend to honour my agreement. I leave Liverpool with the greatest regret because I've been happy here and will always be grateful to the fans for their tremendous support."

The Wales international, who has scored an astonishing 188 goals in 299 games for Liverpool, will pick up more than £250,000 a year in Italy and it was that incentive which persuaded him to join the overseas exodus of top British players.

He added: "I'm sure if the fans put themselves in my place they'd have made the same decision to safeguard their future. I'm extremely fortunate to be joining Juventus, who are recognized as one of the outstanding clubs in the world with an unsurpassed record of looking after their players.

"Their fans made me welcome and I'm looking forward to the next stage of my career with them. I hope this statement will put an end to all the speculation and allow me to concentrate on what I enjoy doing most – scoring goals."

Following a leaflet campaign last weekend and alleged claims by the player that he didn't want to leave Anfield, Liverpool were plunged into an embarrassing position which resulted in two days of talks with the player and his financial advisers before yesterday's announcements.

Liverpool, who couldn't match the terms being offered, were anxious to emerge from the affair cleared of any blame which could lead to a supporters backlash. They issued a detailed account of their part in the transfer with their chief executive Peter Robinson saying: "We have never wanted to part with the services of Ian, who is one of the most outstanding players in our long history and who is now playing better than ever.

"However, following earlier transfer speculation Ian asked to be kept informed of any approaches made by foreign clubs. Our chairman, John Smith, kept that promise when Barcelona, Inter-Milan and Juventus approached us at the end of last season.

"Ian met Juventus officials and expressed a desire to join the club as soon as the Italian league granted permission. This club shares the disappointment of the fans at the prospect of losing such an outstanding player. But we recognize wealthy European clubs are in a position to offer remuneration beyond our capabilities because of UK taxation and our total income. Reluctantly we decided not to stand in his way.

"Both the club and Ian call on the campaign organizers to accept that transfer negotiations have been concluded and to bring their action to an end.

Spurred on by words

The players of Heart of Midlothian and Celtic will take the field at Tynecastle tonight with harsh words from their managers ringing in their ears.

Although Celtic enjoy a seven-point lead at the top of the premier division and Hearts remain among the favourites to take the title, neither team distinguished themselves on Saturday and more convincing displays have been demanded.

Alex MacDonald is, of course, more concerned than David Hay. Of Hearts 3-0 defeat by Rangers, the manager said: "We should have lost by five or six goals, that's how bad we were. We cannot afford to drop another two points if we are to stay in contention for the championship

RUGBY UNION

Demonstrators planning to disrupt Hedgehogs tour

By Paul Martin

Anti apartheid demonstrators have devised plans to storm and occupy pitches at English club grounds to disrupt or prevent matches against a visiting team from South Africa, named the Hedgehogs, according to a leading member of the Campaign for Fairness in Sport.

Today's scheduled opponents, Rosslyn Park's Second XV, have cancelled their match; and Richmond, whose Seconds are scheduled to play them on Saturday, last night held an emergency meeting to decide whether to follow suit. Derek Syatt, the club's senior coach and ex-England international, tendered his resignation in protest at the match, and said: "Richmond's ground is unprotected – it will be virtually impossible for police to stop an invasion of the pitch".

Rosslyn Park's executive cancelled their match on the grounds, according to their secretary, David Whittam, that the match is "no longer in the club's best interests because of the continued adverse publicity.

A crucial factor, he said, was the government's reported attitude. The Sports Minister Richard Tracey has expressed his "disappointment" and his department is investigating.

"We have not cowtowed to anyone" Whittam, a surgeon, continued, "nor have we yielded to blackmail. But as a senior club we must set an example and under the circumstances it would be unwise."

It was Rosslyn Park's coach, David Barclay who organised the tour after a visit, which the South Africans claim was at his own expense, to study South African coaching methods.

Last night Barclay said the tour arrangements had had to be kept secret "because of the political atmosphere surrounding contacts with South Africa" he condemned pressure to cancel fixtures, arguing that "all rugby players and sportsmen worldwide want to play in South Africa and with South Africans." Rugby there should be encouraged, he said, as it was open to all races without discrimination, though the Hedgehogs all happened to be white.

The Rugby Football Union said it approved the visit after applications from the English club opponents. Dudley Wood, the RFU secretary, said there had been no ground to deny permission for the matches.

He had been assured by Barclay yesterday that the players were a scratch team not connected with the University of Capetown, but including several Zimbabwean and British expatriots. However, Wood added: "Even if it had been an official university team, we would still have given permission."

The only restrictions on South African visits to this country related to representative teams, which Wood said included the provincial sides. An application from a team of that stature would lead the RFU to "think long and hard about it" he said.

The RFU last Friday voted with little discent to extend its temporary ban on players, administrators or clubs visiting South Africa.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Hot prospect

Dave Pavitt, the Hackney speedway promoter, hopes to recruit the British Columbia champion, Randy Green, aged 22, from Lake Stevens, Washington, who specializes in one-mile track races.

New start

Keighley have been forced to put back their rearranged John Player Trophy first round tie at Carlisle to tomorrow evening. The game, postponed last Sunday because of a waterlogged pitch, had been rescheduled for today, but Keighley players have had difficulties getting time off work.

New venue

The Hi Tech Sports British open squash championships have a new venue for the qualifying first and second rounds, the London South Bank squash centre, from April 4 to 8. The third round onwards will be played at Wembley.

Lecomte: award

Lendl is honoured

New York (AFP) – Ivan Lendl, of Czechoslovakia, the world No. 1, was voted player of the year by his fellow tennis professionals yesterday. Lendl won the French and United States opens this year and lost the Wimbledon final to Boris Becker, of West Germany, who was runner-up in the Association of Tennis Professionals poll, ahead of Joakim Nystrom, of Sweden.

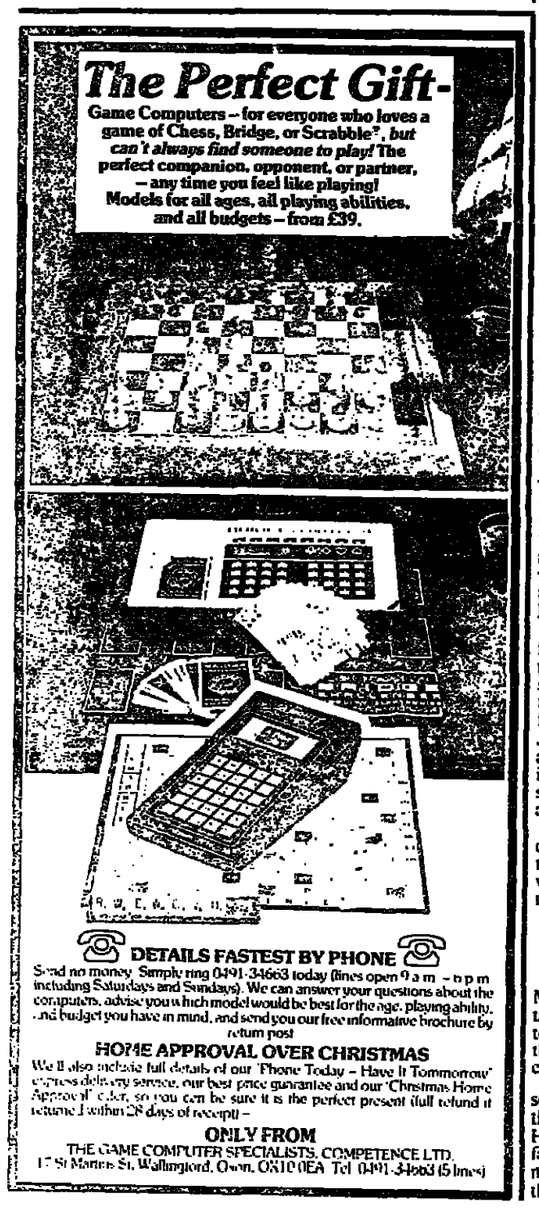
Henri Lecomte, Steffi Graf and John McEnroe were honored as winners of Tennis Magazine's 1986 awards.

No snow

Bern (AP) – Three women's World Cup races scheduled in Arosa, Switzerland, next week were canceled yesterday because of a lack of snow.

Dacey out

Malcolm Dacey, the Swansea stand-off half who was due to captain the Possibles in the Welsh trial on Saturday, has withdrawn from the side because of a persistent muscle injury (David Hands writes). His place will be taken by Aled Williams, who moved from Swansea to Bridgend this season because Dacey's presence in the club side limited his first-team rugby.

Big winners

Oxford University, favourites to win the University rugby match at Twickenham next Tuesday, won the "little University match" yesterday when the Greyhounds beat Cambridge LX Club 8-3 at Grange Road, scoring two tries to a penalty goal (David Hands writes).